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Council pledge on Island road as residents complain of traffic delays



LEFT: The sign on the sign says 'Guinness World Record Vale of Glamorgan Council. Longest time taken (a synonym for 'messing') about with a junction.'

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RESIDENTS on Barry Island say they are becoming frustrated at constant traffic delays.

Currently, the causeway road is one-way with a traffic light system and there are also delays on Plymouth Road.

A cheeky notice was placed on the approach to the temporary traffic lights on the way down Plymouth Road earlier this week.

The sign read 'Guinness World Record Vale of Glamorgan Council. Longest time (then an unprintable synonym for 'messing') about with a junction.'

But the Vale Council told The GEM this week current work on the

Island was vital because of the growth in visitor numbers, and the council was doing its best to minimise disruption.

Island resident and coordinator of the Barry First Group, Barrie V Evans, said road works were a "bug bear" for residents.

He said: "At times, it is very difficult trying to get on or off the Island, due to the unnecessary alterations to the causeway."

"At a recent traders' meeting, Coun Lis Burnett jumped in feet first by telling traders the new road will not be ready until the summer of this year."

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Gladstone Primary School pupils were keen to celebrate St David's Day on Tuesday!

Barry businessman's company given hours to quit Capitol Centre

A businessman from Barry who has run an e-cigarette company successfully at the Capitol Centre in Cardiff, was given just hours to quit.

Nigel Evans said it would force him to make loyal employees redundant.

Mr Evans, who lives on Barry Island, told The GEM: "I have traded as Sgice electronic cigarettes in the Capitol shopping centre for almost four years and

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have had a very good relationship with the centre management and customers alike.

"Around three to four weeks ago, the centre was sold to New River Retail and I approached the management team to ask for new terms on my unit, as the lease had expired, and I had been told to wait for the new company to renew my terms."

"During my time at the centre,

I have never missed rent payments, but had recently not been able to get a new invoice to pay."

"After making several requests for an invoice, I was eventually asked to call to the management office on Tuesday, February 23."

"I was then given a notice to quit the premises that same day with no explanation."

Mr Evans employs two members of staff who could now be laid off.

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'Thank you' from Vale Foodbank

TWO years ago, Jane Hutt AM opened the Vale Foodbank in St Mary's Church in Barry.

Since then, volunteers at St Mary's have provided emergency food parcels to support 1,304 local people in crisis, of whom 405 were children under 16.

Since opening, our centres have distributed parcels to feed a total of 13,179 across the Vale.

Speaking at the St Mary's opening, the Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, said: "I am glad to be here and sad to be here. I am glad because it is tremendous that in our society there are still people who care enough about others to do something practical about it and to bring food to centres like this."

"I am sad because such a thing ought not to be needed. What is it about our society where people are so desperate that they have nowhere

else to turn to?

"That's a reflection on all of us, on Britain as a society - we are a broken society in some ways. So alongside my pride and gladness is this terrible sadness about what is happening in our society."

Two years on, we echo the Archbishop's comments. We are glad for the wonderful team of volunteers who sacrifice their time every week to help people in crisis and glad for all those who so generously donate food to help us keep going.

But we are sad that we are still needed - as the Archbishop said, unless there is health and happiness for everyone, there isn't health and happiness for anyone - because we are all part of the same society.

So on this birthday, there are no celebrations, but a great big 'thank you' to all those who help us feed people in crisis - we could not do it without you.

Susan Lloyd-Selby,
Vale Foodbank
coordinator.

Who remembers the Barry observatory?

IAM looking for any photo memories of the Barry Astronomical Society Observatory. The society was formed in 1910 and was still active in 1923.

The Observatory was opened on May 20, 1914, and it stood in Tynewydd Road, Barry.

A famous amateur astronomer, Arthur Mee, donated one of his telescopes.

I can't find it listed on any map of the time or locate any photo, although the opening was covered by the local press.

Dave Powell MBE,

1 Tal-Y-Bont Road, Ely, Cardiff CF55EU.
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Calling Luigi the window cleaner...

Dear Editor,

Can you help me, please? I need a window cleaner and have lost the number of an excellent one, called Luigi (he's a Jehovah's Witness) and I've left messages at Kingdom Hall. No luck.

Is it possible for you to print an appeal for him to get in touch with Jane Walker (of the Waterfront) as she can hardly see out of the disgusting windows.

Jane Walker.

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'If one suspects a crime, tell police'

BARRY resident Dennis Harkus wrote to the Vale Council about the circumstances in which Coun Lis Burnett asked to view CCTV of a prank 'Post-It' note, placed on her car in the High Street by the Conservative Vale Assembly candidate, Ross England.

The issue swelled The GEM's mailbox and a council official responded to Mr Harkus:

"Coun Burnett was allowed access to CCTV footage concerning specifically her car for a specific time slot on the day in question."

"As any member of

the public can do, she made a request in writing to that effect to the appropriate council officer, stating her concerns about a possible crime being committed in connection with the incident.

"She said it was possible that it was only a prank, but that, equally, it might be something more serious and that her personal safety might be at risk."

"The council officer agreed to allow her access to CCTV footage of her car in consideration of those concerns."

"There was no misuse and, therefore, no action is considered necessary."

Mr Harkus wrote to The GEM:

"The thrust of my

'Stop posturing and stick to the local issues'

AT the Vale Council's December meeting, much time was taken up debating two issues that had little bearing on the responsibilities of council.

I have, therefore, raised this matter mindful of the fact that the minutes of this meeting are available on the council's website.

The first issue related to the Trade Union Bill, asking the UK Government to abandon it by writing to the Prime Minister. Many councillors took the opportunity to debate the motion put forward by Couns Stuart Egan (cabinet member) and Neil Moore (leader) subsequent to a recorded vote being taken, resulting in the motion being carried.

The next matter was another motion submitted by Coun Stuart Egan and Coun

Elmore expressing their serious concerns about the TTIP, which is the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and is about reducing the regulatory barriers to trade and big business between the EU and America.

This motion was also carried expressing the council's concern again, strongly supported by Labour, Plaid, and some independents, while Conservatives and some independents were against.

Negotiations of this nature are dealt with by governments on a national and international scale.

Local politicians prevaricating, postulating, and grandstanding on issues over which they have no control, do little to inspire the Vale community who have voted us in to deal with local issues.

Coun Phil Clarke,
Independent, Rhosee.

complaint was the potential wrongful use of CCTV when a councillor was able to identify a third party by accessing CCTV footage. Her reasoning was a Post-It sticker on her car window gave her concern that a possible crime had been committed and that her personal safety might be at risk.

"A council officer allowed her access to CCTV footage because of those concerns: a weak line of reasoning, which in my view will set a precedent for more people to seek to watch others whose actions they may disagree with."

"The council allowing access to CCTV footage, 'specifically her car for a specific time slot', does not fit with the councillor's public statements. She actually described the third party's action of walking around the block before returning. It was not specifically about her car, she appears to have viewed the actions of the other person for several minutes."

"The councillor is quoted in the press saying she saw the CCTV footage, but on social media she

councillor stated she 'did not review the footage'. The council's response to my complaint is that she was allowed access to the footage, so we now know which version of the councillor's conflicting public statements was correct.

"I suggested in my complaint that third party images (people other than the councillor) must be masked, in order to protect identities but that point was not addressed in the council's response to my complaint."

"I also asked where I can view the council's CCTV policy and procedures so they sent a copy of the 'Code of Conduct on CCTV', agreed between the council and the police."

"There was no response with regard to when the council itself approved the Code of Conduct."

"I remain concerned that councillors, or any member of the general public, are allowed to view street CCTV of others whose actions they may disapprove of by offering such fragile reasoning."

"If one suspects a crime - go to the police."

Closure of Barry Crown Post Office

AT a meeting of Barry Town Council on February 22 the council unanimously agreed to condemn proposals to close the Crown Post Office on Holton Road, Barry.

Council acknowledged that there had been a serious decline in post office services across the country in recent years, and they had major concerns in respect of

the future of the building.

They have written to Mr Stuart Taylor of Post Office Ltd, inviting him to attend a special meeting of full council, in order to consult the council on this proposed closure; and they are currently in the process of identifying a date for this meeting.

Angie Norman,
Acting Town Clerk.

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'Port Road layout a very poor design'

ILIVE in Rhosee and work in Cardiff and I use Port Road during my commute by both car and bicycle.

I have been watching the long and expensive regeneration of Port Road and, unfortunately, I think the layout is a very poor design and a complete waste of tax payers' money.

I travel this route every day and I have yet to see a bus taking advantage of the bus lane. The traffic queues going out of Barry towards the roundabout are much worse than before the 'improvements'.

Traffic used to sort itself out into left and right along the wide road, but this is no longer possible. Drivers can only take a left or right position as they hit the roundabout.

As for a cycle lane, the road was wide enough for a simple

solid white line to be painted the entire length of Port Road and Wenvoe Road, a couple of feet out from the kerb. Instead, we have a very expensive path that forces cyclists to give way at every junction and driveway and the path swaps from one side of the road to the other.

While cycling, I can reach speeds of up to 30 mph on some stretches of Wenvoe Road. This will be impossible using the new path, as I could get hit by someone pulling out of their drive, or from a junction that gives way to the road, but not the path.

I'm sure drivers do not want cyclists coming off the path in front of them to avoid the driveways, or to navigate a roundabout, or to cross to the other side of the road - and then back again, just to use these paths.

Mr Nathan Cousins,
Rhosee.

Flowers destroyed

THE contractors for the Port Road bus lane and associated works have destroyed the verges and hacked the hedges back; there were primroses and other wild flowers growing there.

In the interests of biodiversity will the council be including primroses and cowslips in the seed mix when they re-seed the verges?

All these so-called improvements steadily destroy more of our countryside and there's no joy in looking at Tarmac!

Mrs Bramble Coppins,
Barry.

'THANK YOU'

PLEASE would you thank the kind people who came to my aid when I fell outside New Look in Barry Dock on Wednesday afternoon; especially the kind gentleman who returned my shoe at the kerb.

Denise Rees,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 10)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
03 Thur	00.09	7.5	12.42	7.4
04 Fri	01.36	7.3	14.19	7.3
05 Sat	02.59	7.7	15.37	7.9
06 Sun	04.07	8.4	16.36	8.6
07 Mon	04.59	9.2	17.22	9.4
08 Tues	05.47	9.9	18.12	10.0
09 Wed	06.31	10.4	18.56	10.4
10 Thur	07.16	10.7	19.36	10.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Council's 'no go' as local MP bids to hold surgery in a beach hut!



Vale MP Alun Cairns has been stopped from holding a surgery in one of Barry Island's beach huts.

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns described a bid by the Vale Council to stop him using a beach hut on Barry Island for a surgery as "ridiculous".

But the Vale Council insists the huts are for members of the general public – and that it is stated in the 'rental policy'.

Mr Cairns told The GEM that he attempted to book a Saturday morning surgery for local constituents in a beach hut, but the council had refused

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saying his request was "commercial".

Mr Cairns said: "The beach huts are barely being used and I wanted to meet residents on Barry Island in a venue that was accessible whilst at the same time to draw attention to the possible different uses for a beach hut."

"I am very disappointed that my bid was blocked on such weak reasoning."

Mr Cairns has

organised a surgery for this Saturday, March 5, in McDonalds, Barry from 10am to 12pm.

A Vale spokesman responded: "The booking was declined as the beach huts are normally available only for use by members of the public."

"This is made clear in the rental policy which is available online and states 'the huts are not for rent by charities, organisations, traders, schools etc unless it is a pre-planned commercial week'."

Summer finish on Island road should ease frustrations

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Mr Evans continued: "At a meeting in 2014 at the community centre she told us all that the new road would be open by April last year."

"On Tuesday night last week I was in a stream of traffic heading off the island, but while the lights were showing green an ambulance was waiting at the Ship Hotel with its blue lights flashing."

"I immediately halted my car at the green light to the dismay of the drivers behind me. They either did not see the ambulance or did not care."

"I flashed my headlights to let the crew know I was wanting to let them through and they came forward and flashed their lights to show recognition of my actions."

"The drivers in the queue behind me seemed unhappy or impatient at my what I was doing because one or two of them blasted their horns at me."

"I fear the situation could end up with serious problems for the emergency services – only having one lane off or on to the Island due to these badly planned road alterations."

CONSORTIUM

Mark Vockins of Barry Island Quasar said the issue was discussed at a traders' meeting last week.

"When the issue of the new road was raised Coun Burnett said it was two years ahead of schedule and it could have been 2018."

"We were told the road would be finished

in the summer, but couldn't be told exactly when because the work was being done by the consortium."

"But is that the early part of the summer? Later in the summer? Or an Indian summer in October?"

Coun Lis Burnett, the Vale cabinet member for Regeneration, told The GEM that previously the new road had been scheduled for another two years time.

"Construction of the new Barry Island link was originally due to be completed in 2018. However, the intervention of the Vale Council resulted in an innovative loan agreement being reached between Welsh Government and the Barry Waterfront Consortium, and construction began in 2014."

"The new road is being built by the consortium and the responsibility for its delivery rests with them. Nevertheless the council is conscious that as visitor numbers to the resort continue to grow the need for improved transport links is as great as ever."

"This is why we have been in regular contact

with the consortium throughout the project and have worked to ensure there are no unnecessary delays, and that any disruption to residents and visitors is kept to an absolute minimum."

"At the same time as the construction of the new road has progressed, the council has begun work to put in place a number of new measures to improve access to the Island in general."

"These include the new road layout and car parking arrangements that eliminated the congestion issues that have previously frustrated visitors, and the cycle and foot path across the harbour that will be completed this spring and will provide yet another alternative to accessing the Island by car."

Coun Burnett emphasised: "Construction of the link road itself is now well advanced. The council will continue to work with and encourage the consortium to ensure that the link road will be open by the summer."

Man surprised that 'parking ticket' appeal is dealt with in north Wales

A man from Barry is mystified as to why appeals against parking tickets are dealt with in north Wales.

Mark Bell's wife received a ticket in Richard Street and he took the time to go down and look at the location, noting the lines were poor and fading."

But he was surprised the appeal was dealt with in north Wales.

Mr Bell explained: "Why, when I submitted an appeal against a parking ticket my wife received in Barry, was it was heard by someone in north Wales?"

"I appealed against my wife's ticket which was received in Richards Street because I felt that the signs and lines indicating where you can and can't park were not clearly marked and require maintenance."

"Does the office in north Wales contact someone in the Vale Council to investigate any appeals or are they purely rejected straight away?"

Mr Bell said he sent the appeal letter to arrive

in north Wales by the Monday morning, and had received a 'dismissal' of it by Thursday morning. This made him wonder how much investigation had gone in to his appeal.

He added: "Surely someone from the council should be looking at appeals where they could actually visit the relevant street and decide if there are maybe justifiable grounds not to have issued the ticket?"

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The Vale of Glamorgan Council delivers its Civil Parking Enforcement service in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council. Like many authorities in Wales the two councils use the Wales Penalty Processing Partnership (WPPP) which is part of Denbighshire County Council for the processing of Penalty Charge Notices."

"WPPP refers any appeals to the council for review and consideration prior to agreeing any appeal decision."

BARRY BUSINESSMAN WILL LEAVE CENTRE ON FRIDAY

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He said: "It represents a large part of my income. I am a small company and it will cause me and my family great financial difficulty."

Fortunately, Mr Evans does have another retail outlet in Queens Arcade in Cardiff so he can keep trading.

He explained: "My main concern is that the goodwill I have built up over the past three and a half years with my customers is being taken away from me as they've said that I can't even place a sign in the empty store telling my customers that I have moved out."

Mr Evans questioned whether large companies care enough about small retailers trying to make a living.

"The centre currently has a large number of empty premises – over 50 per cent – and the decision to ask me to leave makes no sense as I am one of the busiest retailers on the premises bringing a large number of customers to the centre on a daily basis."

"I have put the matter in the hands of my solicitor but it does seem that with the agreement I have, I will at most have one week to move out."

REVIEW

Mr Evans updated The GEM so say he understands he must leave on Friday, March 4.

The Glamorgan GEM put three questions to NewRiver Retail.

Is it fair to ask a trader to leave within hours? The essence of capitalism is competition: why can't NewRiver Retail allow two similar retailers in the same way it might have two fashion shops? Do you believe you have treated Mr Evans fairly?

A spokesman for NewRiver Retail, who acquired the Capitol Shopping Centre in January as part of a major shopping centre portfolio which includes other centres in Wakefield and Darlington, said: "We are delighted to have acquired this fantastic centre and have some exciting plans for the Capitol Shopping Centre which will involve a multi-million pound

investment going forward to help regenerate the centre for the long-term."

"However, our first step following acquisition was to review and regularise the tenancy agreements that we inherited from the previous owners."

"In the case of Spice Electronic Cigarettes, there was only a temporary licence in place, the nature of which equates to minimal rent being paid, and entirely flexible terms for both sides, including the ability for both parties to terminate with immediate effect."

"The owner of Spice has been able to benefit from this flexible temporary licence and low concession for a considerable period of time."

"Our objective for the Capitol Shopping Centre is to achieve an attractive mix of retailers for our shoppers and in turn that includes minimising duplicate offers. We are presently in discussions with new retail offers that meet that goal. We wish Mr Evans all the best for his future ventures."

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First Minister praises businesses

WALES' First Minister, Carwyn Jones, recently visited Barry with Jane Hutt AM, to congratulate High Street traders and new businesses on their "commitment, innovation and acumen" in serving their expanding customer base in the largest town in Wales.

He also visited the Academy Coffee House at the Pump House and met Drew Thomas, who opened this successful new business with his wife Louise in December; and Samantha Evans and Shauna Guinn who shortly open the new Hang Fire Restaurant at the Pump House.



Bookstore dates

ON Friday, March 11 at Griffin Books, Penarth, local resident Professor Stephen Payne, who teaches cognitive psychology at Bath University, will be reading from his recently-published poetry collection 'Pattern Beyond Chance'.

The event takes place at Waterloo Tea on Stanwell Road at 7.30pm.

On Thursday, March 17 in a new partnership with Holm House Hotel, Griffin Books is holding a 'Crime and Cream Tea' afternoon with two leading thriller writers, Clare Donoghue and Chris Ewan.

For full details call Griffin Books on 02920 706455.

Barry Town Council's trade deal fears

AT a meeting held on December 14, the Barry Town Council resolved to write to all of the Welsh Ministers of the European Parliament, the First Minister, the Welsh Government, UK Government, local Assembly Members and the local MP to raise serious concerns about the impact of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.

The Town Council also called for an impact assessment on how TTIP will affect Wales.

The council also resolved that a letter be sent to Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales to raise the council's concerns about the impact of TTIP on all levels of governance in Wales and ask them to raise these with

government on our behalf.

A spokeswoman explained: "The aim of the TTIP is to broker a major trade deal between the European Union and United States of America, but Barry Town Council is concerned that any negotiations on this must raise food, environmental and labour standards, which are higher in the European Union than in the US, and not reduce them to the levels in the US."

"It is also felt that TTIP may have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision making; and that TTIP should not be implemented in Wales without the support of the National Assembly for Wales, through a super-majority of elected members."

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (UN-NAMED LANE BETWEEN CAERAU LANE AND ALPS DEPOT ROAD, WENVOE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

On the 15th February 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 92 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

The Order came into operation on the 22nd February 2016 and a copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 22nd February 2016 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed along the un-named lane from a point approximately 27 metres North of its junction with Alps Quarry Road Wenvoe for a distance of approximately 275 metres in a generally North West direction to its junction with Caerau Lane.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2016.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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Men's forum hears about Ugandan education project

THE chairman welcomed new member Brian Fouracre, before Barry Men's Forum's technician, Roger Davies, gave an update on his long standing support of a school in the Ugandan outback.

It was in 1961 that he went to the country on a youth exchange scheme, helping to construct a building, near the township of Apac, from where he developed a passion to help in the development of a primary school in Awir.

From the early days when he assisted in building the school, it has now grown into one of the largest and most successful in north Uganda.

Roger is particularly thrilled with the library, he has helped create

with both English and Lango books. On his recent three-week trip, he was involved in repairing and building new shelving for the library.

He was also able to present the school with numerous items, of which footballs and team strips received the loudest cheer from the pupils, but there were also numerous other items, from loudhailers, keyboards, guitars and a PA system, with which Roger was shown thanking many Welsh locals and churches for the financial support to help the school. The importance of his work is exemplified by the fact that the director of education and local MP were among dignitaries present.

Many of the pupils have had traumatic experiences, and there are 400 orphans in the school, largely brought

about by the war which has blighted the country. As one forum member commented: "We do not appreciate how lucky we are in our country".

New members are very welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments starting at 10.15am and finishing by noon. The Barry Men's Forum meet at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall every Thursday morning.

The next meeting is on March 10, when Mr Mike Wilcock's subject is 'Barry Island Railway'. For further information, contact the chairman, Peter Westcott, on 02920 594881.

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All the food and drink served in the canteen meets the Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013 issued by the Welsh Government, so diners can be confident of a menu that is nutritious and delicious.

March will be busy for Tenovus fundraisers

THE Barry Friends of Tenovus Committee are holding two fundraising events in March, the first being on Friday, March 11, a quiz evening at Barry Athletic Club, Barry Island, at 7.30pm.

Teams of five or six people are very welcome to come along. The club will be running a bar, and the committee will provide refreshments.

The committee's second event is a fashion show at Brynhill Golf Club, Port Road, Barry, on Wednesday, March 16, starting at 7pm. The Edinburgh Woollen Mill will be showing its women's collection of clothing.

Tickets for both events are available either at the door, or can be purchased through Joy Ephraim (07813 956897). Quiz tickets are priced at £6, and fashion show tickets at £5.

The Tenovus cookery book 'Cook with Us', will also be

available to buy at both events.

Tenovus Cancer Care aims to help prevent, treat and find a cure for Cancer. They do this by offering support, advice and treatment to cancer patients and their loved ones. They also promote healthy lifestyles and fund cancer research to find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

For further information, visit www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk.

CAREERS FAIR

YOUNG people can meet local and national employers at a careers fair organised by Barry Communities First and Careers Wales for 16 - 24-year-olds on Thursday, March 10 between 12pm and 2pm at Barry Memorial Hall.

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Curry Deal£20.00
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Onion Chutney, 2 Mint Sauce, 1 (1.5ltr) bottle of coke
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2 Meat Samosas, 2 Chicken Madras, 2 Pilaw Rice, 1 Chips, 1 Plain Nan Bread, 2 plain Pappadams, 1 Onion Chutney, 2 Mint Sauce, 1 (1.5ltr) bottle of Coke
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Chicken Tikka Dansak£6.25
A hot sweet and sour dish cooked with lentils, fenugreek and coriander.
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Tandoori Chicken Tikka cooked with onions, freshly ground spices and green herbs in a thick, medium curry sauce.
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Chicken or Lamb Sizzler£6.25

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Jalfong£6.25
Cooked with garlic, red chillies, red peppers, vindaloo hot.

Dry Chicken Massala£6.25
Cooked with special bhuna sauce.

Chicken or Lamb Kolkoli£6.25
Cooked with garlic, red chillies, red peppers, green

peppers, madras hot

Baha-Ra-Meat Bhuna£6.25
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'Time to speak up for Rhoose' – LIBRARY CAMPAIGNERS URGE



Save Rhoose Library supporters demonstrate outside the building in November 2014 when the campaigning began.

Holton Road shops to get a new look

THE upper section of Barry's Holton Road could soon look very different as over 30 local independent traders have signed up to a Vale Council initiative which will see new shop fronts, security shutters and signage installed.

The scheme, which is being jointly funded by the Welsh Government and the Vale Council, is being introduced as part of the Castletand Renewal Area project and follows the Residential Facelift Programme, which has already transformed the street scene throughout the neighbourhood.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The shop front scheme will improve shop fronts and building facades to support the growth of local businesses and enhance the upper section of Holton Road.

"The creation of bright, vibrant shops will encourage more visitors to this part of the town centre, ensuring a prosperous future for the area."

Joanne Benham who runs Head to Toe Beauty at 205 Holton Road, said:

"Hopefully the new shop front will attract more business as it looks far more attractive than the old one. I also can't believe how much warmer the shop is now that we have the double-glazed windows. I think the scheme is great."

Mrs Xiaoyan Huang, who runs Lams Kitchen at 235 Holton Road, said: "My customers seem very impressed with the new shop front as I have already received several compliments. It is really good that the council is trying to improve the area."

Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Our town centres are very important and we are doing all we can to ensure that they are lively, bustling, attractive to shoppers and also profitable for local businesses."

"The shop front scheme shows that we take pride in our town centre and want to provide an environment that attracts both residents and visitors."

The shop front scheme is programmed to be completed by the summer and will form part of a £12 million investment to date in the upper section of Holton Road.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT is coming to the fore in Rhoose where, despite defeat in a hard-fought campaign to retain a council-run library, volunteers are signing up to make sure the village does not lose the service altogether.

Locals at a well-attended meeting discussed plans for the community to take up the running of the library from May 31 when the Vale Council withdraws professional support.

Volunteers are needed to take over the day-to-day running of the service and a number of other roles including fundraising. The council has pledged some financial and training support.

The Save Rhoose Library group has campaigned since 2014 to retain the library as a council-led service, engaging barristers last year to take the battle to court. A final appeal on the initial ruling in favour of the council is still pending, a spokesperson reports.

In the meantime, campaigners say they have no choice but to act on the situation that presents itself and plan for a community library in Rhoose.

Adam Riley of the Save Rhoose Library group said: "None of us want to become volunteers but the council has left us with no choice. Either we do this or the library closes. I'd rather have a volunteer library than a closed one."

"The success of the community library will depend on how the local people support it so I'd encourage everyone who cares to get involved in any way they can."

Reacting to the council decision, Adam said: "I'm pretty sore about this outcome, although it was completely expected. I feel angry that Rhoose has been treated as second best to other areas of similar size. This needs to stop now."

"The community needs a general group to

step up and campaign for a better deal for Rhoose across all areas, not just a single issue group like ours.

"It's time for Rhoose people to get more involved across the board to get what we all want – a fair deal for Rhoose."

Those wishing to lend support to a community-run library service in Rhoose are invited to contact rhooselibrary@yahoo.co.uk.

Concerns raised with Council

I RECENTLY received a letter from a resident of the Bassett area of Barry expressing concerns about the state of the area.

The concerns raised are the poor state of a collapsing wall at the Hub and the poor state of the pavements and drains at upper Holton Road.

I wish the author would leave their details with me so that I can reply directly to them, but as they haven't, I have decided to reply via the press. To keep them informed, I have now taken these matters up with the head of service at the Vale Council.

Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale Council.



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Busy time for WI

THE February meeting of Cadoxton WI was very busy.

A spokeswoman reported: Kim Knight, who plans the social activities had six future events programmed; one from the GFWI and five day time and evening outings.

The president reported that she had received "thank you" letters from Marie Curie Holme Towers and Cadoxton Nurture group for donations given to them from the November coffee morning.

Edinburgh Woollen Mill gave a fashion show and Marion Cole, Carole Wheatley, Avril French, Linda Bryan and Chris Whitchurch were the models happy to wear the lovely fashions.

Avril gave a vote of thanks to John and his team for the hard work behind the scenes.

It was a pleasure to welcome several new guests. Meetings are held every third Monday at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm; contact 01446 404891.

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Busy month for photographic club



'Imogen hits Porthcawl'
captured by Paul Tromans.

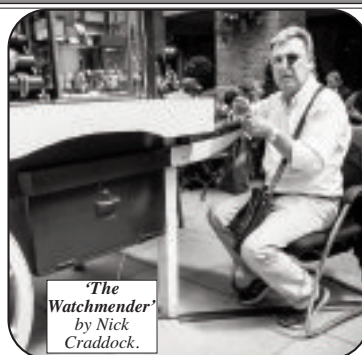
THE Vale Photographic Club's February started with the annual dinner at The Market Place in Cowbridge where we were snug, warm and looked after very well and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Our next meeting was at our usual venue at Ystradowen Village Hall when we hosted our annual competition – which tradition dictates we describe as a 'battle' – with six other local photographic clubs.

The hall was filled to bursting and we settled down to find out which club had entered the best four colour and four monochrome prints.

For the second time this year we missed first place by just one point but didn't care because it was great to welcome so many friends from other clubs and to have an opportunity to catch up with their news.

Mark Mumford FRPS travelled up from Pembrey for our third meeting to show us a selection from his amazing collection of surreal images, created from his artistic imagination along with an expertise in the use of Photoshop that left all of us who use it, or similar, software open-mouthed.



'The Watchmender'
by Nick Craddock.

As the month drew to a close, we were excited by the combination of lighter evenings and some long awaited dry and sunny days that, occasionally, created the right conditions for outdoor photography.

Our final meeting saw the results of entries for our fourth internal competition judged by Robin Dring, a lecturer in photography – but not a member of any camera club – who approaches the task of critiquing and scoring our images from a perspective that is very

different from typical WPF accredited judges.

He expressed himself in his usual insightful and, at times, very blunt fashion and by the end of the evening we had clear and happy winners for each of the four sections of the competition plus lots of tough advice to think about!

Why not pay us a visit one Friday evening - for details go to <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk/programme.html>. NT

PACT meetings

STANWELL PACT at Stanwell School, Archer Road, Penarth, on Friday, March 4 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, Ham Lane East, on Wednesday, March 9 at 7pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT at the Royal British Legion, Cogan Pill Road, Llandough, on Monday, March 14 at 7pm.

Young get to learn all about wildlife



Vale Owls make some new friends.

CHILDREN in the Vale have taken part in National Nest Box Week (NNBW) to help birdlife in the region.

The Nest Box week is an annual event, organised by the British Trust for Ornithology to promote the conservation of breeding birds and encourage people to install nest boxes.

Countryside Service Rangers from the Vale Council ran nest box building sessions at Cosmeston Lakes. Over 60 eager children took part, demonstrating their DIY skills to build their own nest boxes, which they took home to put up.

Vale Owls were also on hand to provide some suitably feathered friends for the day and talk about their work to rescue and care for owls.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The rangers in the Vale Council's country parks are well known for their work on conservation and environmental education and we are delighted to support any national initiatives that protect our wildlife and educate our children to do the same."

"It is wonderful to see children taking part and learning about wildlife. It allows them to play an active role in protecting birds and their habitat."

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Standards Committee of the Vale of Glamorgan, on 9th December, 2015, considered allegations that Community Councillor V. Driscoll of Dinas Powys Community Council had failed to comply with the Community Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

Seven of the nine allegations were found to be proven.

The Standards Committee determined that Community Councillor V. Driscoll be suspended from being a Member of Dinas Powys Community Council for a period of one month.

A copy of the report of the Standards Committee is available for inspection for 21 days from Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 as follows:

- on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website - http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/ourcouncil/council/minutes/agendas_andreports/minutes/standards/2015-Minutes/15-12-09.aspx
- the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU during normal working hours.

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'This Aston Martin announcement can transform Vale jobs'

CONFIRMATION that Aston Martin will create up to 750 direct jobs and thousands of others in the supply chain at St Athan, has the potential to transform employment opportunities across the Vale.

It is a fantastic boost for the area, and further evidence that the local economy continues to go from strength-to-strength.

In my time as your constituency MP, I have continuously banged the drum for the right mix of major employers and encouraging small scale start-up businesses to grow and develop.

In this column last month, I reiterated my feelings that the mix of small businesses and major global companies is what will help the Vale thrive in the long term.

I am delighted to report that after a great deal of work behind the scenes, including a clear and bold commitment from the Prime Minister, David Cameron, Aston Martin will now join British Airways, Dow Corning, Renishaw, Harris Pye and a number of growing companies in setting up a base in the Vale.

Seeing a company of the highest calibre like Aston Martin choose St Athan is a fantastic statement of confidence.

The Prime Minister made a



Vale MP **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to our GEM readers

commitment at the Royal Welsh Show in 2015 to pull out all the stops to deliver Aston Martin.

The Ministry of Defence played a key role in freeing up the Super Hangar, and it goes to show what can be achieved by working closely with a world class business with a clear plan to grow globally.

Having met with Aston Martin and listened to the growth strategy, it is clear that the new vehicle project will create a large number of local skilled jobs.

I was very impressed with the plans I saw and will be visiting the global headquarters in Warwickshire to learn more about the new DBX vehicle and how it will be built at St Athan.

The key issue at this stage is to ensure that the infrastructure around the site matches the

ambition of Aston Martin.

I believe that a number of other companies will locate nearby, with the possibility of an industry emerging around the Super Hangar. We need to ensure that the roads and facilities can be future proofed for the continued growth and ensure attracting more businesses to the Vale is not hindered by a lack of infrastructure.

I am also keen to secure a route for youngsters leaving school or college into the plant. A number of local companies and start-up organisations have also been in touch with me about securing contracts with Aston Martin.

I will be putting together an information pack with details on the employment and commercial partnership opportunities.

There is a great deal of interest and I will report back to GEM readers as the project develops.

The combination of the continued regeneration in Barry and global companies choosing to invest in the Vale is a recipe for success that can last for decades.

Success breeds success and when discussing opportunities with the investors I meet, awareness of the fantastic natural assets and skilled workforce we have here in the Vale is growing quickly.

I am pushing hard on all fronts to ensure that the recent private investment locally is just the beginning.



ICONIC SCULPTURES PLAN FOR THE HERITAGE COAST

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC) has commissioned artist Howard Bowcott to create four new iconic sculptures along the Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

Local residents joined him at public consultations, where they offered their thoughts on what makes the Heritage Coast so special. He has also spent time with school pupils from St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary, St Illtyd Primary School and Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

The new sculptures will mark key entrance points to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast area, possibly at Ogmore, St Brides Major, Llantwit Major and St Athan.

The artist specialises in large-scale public artworks and initial designs depict large fin or sail like shapes, comprising of layers of locally-sourced stone which will represent the cliff strata reminiscent of our coastline. He plans to use both the school children's and local residents' ideas to shape the final designs.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Coun Lis Burnett, said: "It's been fantastic to see local residents offering their thoughts on why the Glamorgan Heritage Coast is so special to them, to

help inform Howard's designs. I am especially pleased so many of our local school children have had the opportunity to be involved which I hope will give them a real sense of pride as the sculptures are later revealed in 2016.

"The Glamorgan Heritage Coast is a great asset in the Vale of Glamorgan and these features will really highlight the area as something special."

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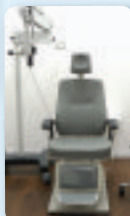
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FLY THE FLAG – the Red Dragon, that is! SAYS AUTHOR

FROM the Six Nations to the European football finals, the Red Dragon flag of Wales will be flying proudly.

However, the author of a new book on the history of the Welsh flag has called on people not to fly the Union Jack from which Wales is excluded.

Author Siôn Jobbins believes that for Welsh people to fly the Union Jack is to “hoist up the white flag and surrender Welsh nationality”.

His comments appear in a new comprehensive history of the iconic Welsh flag published by Y Lolfa – the publishers who recently launched little Red Dragon flag stickers for motorists to place over the Union Jack flag on the newly designed driving license.

“Flying the Union Jack means always, in the final analysis, deferring to Westminster and airbrushing Wales from the picture,” said Siôn Jobbins.

“Where we have the Union Flag – such as the

Olympic Games in a few months’ time, we’ll see that Wales is invisible and doesn’t exist.

“To fly the Union Jack is to agree ultimately that our Welshness can only be in the image allowed within Westminster rule and sensibilities.”

The book details the story behind one of the world’s most distinctive flags and Wales’s greatest symbol. Jobbins also makes some very interesting discoveries. Readers may be surprised to know that the popular flag was only made the official flag of Wales in 1959.

Jobbins recalls campaigns to have the Welsh flag recognised had included local nationalist activists and Bangor students climbing up the flag pole on Caernarfon Castle’s Eagle Tower on St David’s Day in 1932 to tear down the Union Jack.

The vast majority of Welsh people may also be unaware that the official flag of Wales in the 1950s was not the one they now know and love. Rather, it was the Welsh Office design which was the official

flag. It was only following a mass campaign led by the Eisteddfod Gorsedd in 1958 that the UK cabinet decided in 1959 that the familiar and popular flag would, at last, be the official symbol.

Jobbins also suggests May 28 should be the ‘Flag Day’ of the Red Dragon, as it was on this day in 1865 that the first recorded flying of the flag in its modern incarnation was made. The flag was flown aboard the Mimosa ship as it sailed from Liverpool with the first settlers for the Welsh colony in Patagonia.

Siôn Jobbins was born in Zambia and raised in Cardiff and is also the author of the popular book *The Welsh National Anthem: its Story, its Meaning*; also published by Y Lolfa.

The Red Dragon – The Story of the Welsh Flag is full of photographs, cuttings and illustrations and sure to appeal to both visitors to Wales and locals alike and is by Siôn Jobbins (£3.99, Y Lolfa), available now from all good bookshops.

Making monsters figures of fun

WITH others, I hugely enjoyed WNO’s production of *The Marriage of Figaro* last week.

Mozart was gifted far beyond most humans, but he devoted his incomparable genius to serve the cause of social justice for all – to fight the evil of the unprincipled power of the rich to oppress the poor.

Mozart risked everything, his career and his personal safety, if the aristocrats had bribed thugs, as they did elsewhere, to put the upstart in his place.

But, unlike other social reformers, from

Tom Paine to Clement Attlee, he used brilliant melody and humour, to show the gross stupidity of a social system based upon the wealth of a few, which still allows figures like Rupert Murdoch and Donald Trump to rule the turgid minds of millions, through the medium of money and selfishness.

Amadeus, we need you to put these monsters where they belong, singing on the stage, for us to laugh at. **C N Westerman, Brynna.**

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YOUR STATE PENSION IS CHANGING

THE State Pension is a regular payment from the government most of us can claim when we reach State Pension age. It is part of the National Insurance system.

On 6 April 2016, the new State Pension will be introduced for women born on or after 6 April 1953, and men born on or after 6 April 1951. The new State Pension system will make State Pensions less complicated in the future.

If you were born before these dates, you’ll continue to receive your State Pension under the current system, even if you defer claiming it.

State Pension ages are also changing. By 2018, women’s State Pension age will rise to 65, and by 2020 both men’s and women’s State Pension age will have increased to 66. By 2028, both men’s and women’s State Pension age will have increased to 67. You can check yours by searching for ‘State Pension age calculator’ on GOV.UK.

HOW MUCH STATE PENSION WILL I GET?

This will depend on your National Insurance (NI) record so not everyone will get the same amount. You’ll normally need at least 10 qualifying years to get any new State Pension. These can be from before or after 6 April 2016, and don’t have to be ten years in a row.

For most people, each extra year added to their National Insurance record from April 2016 will add 1/35th of £155.65 (the 2016/17 rate) to their future new State Pension, until they reach State Pension age or the full rate.

No one who qualifies for the new State Pension should get less than they would have received under the old system, based on their own contributions to April 2016.

WHAT IF YOU ARE OR WERE IN A ‘CONTRACTED-OUT’ PRIVATE PENSION SCHEME?

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some private pension instead to replace part of your State Pension. The lower NI you (and your employer) paid to the State at that time, reflected the fact that you opted out of some of the State Pension. Your private pension should include an amount that, in most cases, will be at least equivalent to the Additional State Pension you contracted-out of. The actual amount you’ll receive from your contracted-out pension scheme will depend on the scheme.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY STATE PENSION?

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'VOTE' PLEA TO HELP INSTAL RUNNING TRACK... School sets its sights on a lasting memorial to Tanya

Y BONT FAEN Primary School has secured a 'Bags of Help' grant from Tesco, to fund a running track inspired by the memory of local woman, Tanya Floyd (40), whose sudden and tragic death last October rocked the community.

Now the school her children attend needs local people to vote with their Tesco tokens!

The ambitious plan will see an all-weather running track installed on the school's playing field, and it will also be shared by the children at neighbouring school, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and available for community use too.

Y Bont Faen Primary school has beaten off competition from many of the 5,000 other applicants to become one of a handful of recipients of a guaranteed grant from the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme, funded via the Government's plastic bag tax.

Tesco customers in Cowbridge, Penarth, Barry and Culverhouse Cross will now vote to see which of the three lucky winners from the Vale region will scoop the top award of £12,000.

The second prize will be £10,000 and the second runner-up will

secure £8,000. The only way to vote is to visit one of the above Tesco stores, and the voting ends at close of business this Sunday. The good news is that the school is certain to get one of the three prizes.

Victoria Barker, whose twins are in the same class as Tanya's twin boys, told The GEM: "Mrs. Adams grabbed me in the yard on the last day of term before Christmas, to ask me if I would help write a grant application to the Tesco 'Bags of Help' fund.

"It took us just a couple of minutes to come to the conclusion that this was the opportunity we had been looking for to create a memorial to Tanya.

"The criteria stipulated that the project had to embrace the natural environment and promote healthy living. So, a small group of us put down our last-minute Christmas shopping lists and created a bid for a running surface that could be used all year round."

Tanya, a teacher at Undy Primary in Monmouthshire, who headed up PE at the school, was always at the front of the queue at Y Bont Faen to urge the virtues of more physical activity at the school.

Her three boys, twins Joseph and Elis and younger brother Finley,

Pupils from Y Bont Faen Primary School and friends of the Floyd children, showing their support for the campaign at Tesco... Left to right: Emma Barker, Isabella Vaughan, Elodie Vaughan, Ben Davies, and Baz Barker.



...go to school at Y Bont Faen, where she herself was once a pupil.

"Tanya's favorite sporting activity was running, whether it was for fun, fitness, fundraising or with her family.

"So this seemed the obvious choice - to create a lasting memorial, which honoured her strong beliefs in physical activity and would also provide a much-needed

facility to be enjoyed by hundreds of children too.

"A lasting legacy we can all be proud of - so please, go and vote for us!" said Julia Adams, headteacher at Y Bont Faen.

The grant from Tesco will just be the start of this project and plans are under way at the school to organise a children's sponsored run to help raise additional funds to enhance the project.

Details of the run,

which is likely to take place after Easter, will be announced soon.

For further information, call Mrs Julia Adams at Y Bont Faen Primary School 01446 772374 or Victoria Barker - 074111 76416.

'Aston Martin boost for Wales'

LEAVE.EU co-chairman Richard Tice welcomed news that Aston Martin plans to open a new car manufacturing plant in St Athan, describing it "as a clear vote of confidence in British manufacturing, in the EU or out."

"Goodness knows, we could use a boost in Wales after losing so many

steel jobs as a result of harmful EU policies on energy, Chinese export dumping and state aid," he said.

"Aston Martin's £200m investment follows more than a billion pounds of investment by overseas car manufacturers in the UK in the last year, showing that leaving the EU is not a risk, but an opportunity to create more jobs."

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Music charity's bid for Lottery cash

A LOCAL charity that puts on concerts in hospices and care homes has a chance to win £50,000 in a National Lottery competition that will be featured this Friday on ITV Wales.

Music in Hospitals is the charity, and it has recently staged concerts in Llantwit Major, Barry, Llandough Hospital and Porthcawl.

The charity's bid, part of ITV's 'The People's

Projects' competition, will be shown on ITV, Friday, March 4, between 6pm and 6.30pm.

To vote for the Music in Care Homes project to win £50,000, please visit: <https://www.thepeopleprojects.org.uk/projects/vi> ew/music-and-memories

The charity's ITV appeal can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eee7Okp62DU>

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, March 1 at 10am, Crwydro meet at Ynys y Barri, Coffee Cove Cafe. At 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

On Sunday, March 6 at 2pm Cennin Pedr a'r Castell will start from the Fox and Hounds car park in St Brides Major, and at 2.30pm a Mothering Sunday walk will begin from Llantwit Major Town Hall car park, (SS 968687).

On Wednesday, March 9 the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry. On Thursday, March 10 the daffodils at Castle upon Alun can be appreciated; meet at the car park opposite the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major for this at 10.30am.

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Two local firms pick up business awards



From left: Keith Palmer, CEO of South Wales Chamber of Commerce with jamjar PR, winners of the excellence in marketing and communications award.

TWO local businesses have triumphed at this year's Wales Business Awards, organised by the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, in association with the University of South Wales.

Bridgend-based TSW Training won the award for excellence in community relations, sponsored by Royal Bank of Scotland, while jamjar PR of Cowbridge won the excellence in marketing and communications category at the awards ceremony on February 25 at the National Museum of Wales.

TSW Training offers work-based learning apprenticeships, commercial qualifications, organisational development initiatives, Jobs Growth Wales opportunities and employs more than 50 members of staff. It supports marginalised and vulnerable individuals to become more active members of their local community.

Cowbridge-based jamjar PR was founded in 2012, and specialises in PR, marketing and digital media. It has won a number of Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) awards, including Wales' outstanding small consultancy of the year for three consecutive years.

Lib-Dem regional list

ELUNED PARROTT will head the Welsh Liberal Democrat's South Wales Central regional list at the Assembly elections.

The order

is: 1. Eluned Parrott, 2. John Dixon, 3. Karen Roberts, 4. Cadan ap Tomos.

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LEFT: Sponsor Jon Field, Royal Bank of Scotland (on left), with the team from TSW Training and their award for excellence in community relations.

First time buyer homes

NEWYDD is holding an open day on March 7 for people to view one of six first-time buyer homes for sale in Ogmores-by-Sea, as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Aspire2Own Shared Equity Scheme.

Working in partnership with the Vale Council, two-bedroom properties built by David Wilson Homes are offered for sale at Ocean View for £112,000, equating to 70 per cent of the full market value, to people with a local connection to the St Brides Major community council area.

IN BRIEF

CHOCALOLICS are invited to Dyffryn Gardens this Easter to find clues that will lead to a chocolate prize.

The Cadbury Easter egg hunts run on March 25 – 28, from 11am to 3.30pm; £2 per trail; normal admission prices to Dyffryn apply, and the house will be open to visitors.

For more information about Dyffryn Gardens, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

Amber Fairs

An antiques and collectables fair will be held at the Hi Tide, Mackworth Road, Porthcawl, on Sunday, March 13: antiques and collectables galore! Open 10am – 4pm; entrance £1.

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BAKE-OFF FOR CHARITY



Milton Parathyras (left) of Venture Photography is presented with his certificate by James Sommerin.

A CARDIFF competition and defending the title as he won last year. George Thomas Hospice Care was established in 1984 and has helped more than 24,000 patients and their families in Cardiff. Services the charity provide are free of charge at its hospice centre based in Whitchurch Hospital grounds and in patients' homes.

Award-winning chef James Sommerin judged the competition in aid of George Thomas Hospice Care and crowned Milton Parathyras of Venture Photography the winner.

Gareth Howells, general manager at Wessex Garages on Hadfield Road, explained: "We held the Great Wessex Bake Off last year and due to its success we decided we had to host the event again. We would like to say congratulations to Milton on winning the

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA?

Vale AM's surgeries

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding surgeries on March 4 from 11.30am - 12.30pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HD; and at 4pm - 6pm in St Athan West Camp Community Centre.

On Saturday, March 5 she will hold a surgery from 10am - 11am at Cowbridge Town Hall. No appointments necessary.

Cowbridge Country Market

WE are back for the new season and open on Friday, March 4 with all our usual home-made produce and new season's marmalade.

We look forward to seeing all our customers in the Lesser Hall from 9.30am, on the first and third Fridays of the month.

Enfys craft fair

ENFYS craft fair on Saturday, March 5, will have cards and gifts available for Mothering Sunday (March 6) at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Barry, from 10am-4pm.

For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Tax help

TAXHELP for Older People (TOP) will hold a free income tax surgery for older people on a restricted income, at Roz Couzen's Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House,

Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB on Monday, March 7 from 10am-midday.

No appointment is necessary. To access TOP's helpline, call 0845 691 3321 or 01308 488066. Home visits can also be arranged via this helpline for people unable to attend the surgery.

Eye advice

TO mark National Glaucoma Week, Specsavers from Barry will be at Age Connects' Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, March 8 (10am-12 midday) to give advice on general eye care and Glaucoma. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Dinas Powys Local History Society

THE next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 7.30pm in Kynance Hall. There will be a lecture by Mr Graham Oxlade on 'Reacting to the Historical Landscape'.

Free admission, visitors welcome. Enquiries to Betty Williams on 02920 513524.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Getting to Grips with Card and Other Fraud', by DCs Ian Roche and Tyrone Peach at 2pm on Wednesday, March 9 in Cowbridge Town

Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments.

Barry Mothers' Union

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Broadband advice for businesses

A SUPERFAST Business Wales workshop will be held at the Business Centre, Barry on March 16 and May 19; also Business in Focus, Units 14 and 15, Bocam Park, Pencoed on March 17 and April 28 (all from 10am - 12.30pm).

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THE much-taunted 'Hollywood remake' of foreign language films continues apace, seemingly as those films made away from the glare of Tinseltown manage to be more inventive, original and un-reliant on brands and franchises as those made by the big studios.

The latest film to find its roots in overseas source material is *Secret In Their Eyes*, a remake of the 2009 Argentinian film *The Secret In Their Eyes* (note the wholly necessary removal of the word 'The' from the title) that won an Oscar for best foreign language film.

It tells the story of Ray Kasten (Chiwetel Ejiofor), an agent investigating the activities of a mosque in post 9/11 America; when the body of young girl is found in a

dumpster near the mosque, it turns out to be the daughter of his co-worker Jessica (Julia Roberts).

Determined to go after the man he thinks is responsible, Ray finds lips sealed about the suspect, and has to try and win the support of a DA, Claire (Nicole Kidman) to solve the murder...

Given its cast, pedigree (this is film from writer/director Billy Ray, who has received several nominations for work such as *Shattered Glass*, *Breach* and *Captain Phillips*), hard-hitting subject matter and release date, *Secret In Their Eyes* would be something discussed in awards circles.

That the buzz around the film was non-existent may lead you to believe that the film is something of a damp squib, but while it is a film that's slow-paced and slow-burning, it's also a more than competent thriller that, without having seen the original, pulls you one way and then another

before its devastating climax.

Ray's experience in serious material is the solid foundations here. It's shot through with a dark sense of foreboding from the off, and the technique of the story veering between 2002 and the present-day is one that, although occasionally distracting, manages to grant weight to both stories being told.

The story veers away from the Argentinian original (which itself was adapted from a novel) in set-up, thus distancing itself from something that was so well-received initially, but carries over certain elements, most explicitly a sequence set in a baseball stadium that doesn't have a hope of trumping the original, but instead plays out grittily and far more subdued, a statement which could be applied to the film as a whole.

Using the war on terror as a subtext, and its 2002 setting, the film posits a world where information is

power, and those wielding the information carry the greatest power. It plays intriguingly on the notion of one life versus the possibility of hundreds, thousands, even millions, and the morality of it all, and Ray's script uses this a framework to build upon a story of personal loss, defiance and responsibility.

It's a cast populated by superb actors who get more than a chance to shine. Ejiofor is the man being driven by a desire to right a wrong, who has spent 'every night for 13 years' trying to find the man

he believes is responsible for the murder, and it's a passionate and committed performance by the always-strong actor.

Julia Roberts, who has been leaning towards more dramatic work of late, is also very good as the heartbroken mother, a character whose sadness and sense of anger is beautifully played out, the emotions just about being kept in check, while Nicole Kidman (*Paddington* notwithstanding) offers up her best performance in a while as a DA caught between doing

what is right and what suits the needs of the greater good.

Where it falls short is in its lack of real power; while there is meat on the bones of this story, it's hard to swallow with any real conviction, no matter how well-acted, while the distraction of the two timelines sometimes isn't clear enough in its execution.

However, *Secret In Their Eyes* still a more than solid thriller that, while not a patch on its foreign cousin, will keep you engaged until its neat finale.

VERDICT: Solid, unspectacular, well-

acted but lacking any real power. *Secret In Their Eyes* makes a good stab of telling its story, and while it's more than engaging, it doesn't quite leave you with a sense of great fulfilment. The performances are strong, the story (especially the denouement) intriguing, but ultimately this is a step above 'by-the-numbers'. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Secret In Their Eyes* (2009), *The Departed* (2006).



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Art Society
ON March 3 we will have a demonstration by Cardiff artist Julie Shakston whose theme will be 'Alchemy - Exploring Mixed Media'.

On Thursday, March 10 we have a Gyotaku demonstration (a Japanese fish printing process) by Deborah Withey, a Welsh-American artist (www.deborah-withey.com).

The society meets each Thursday

7pm - 9 pm at Old Hall, Cowbridge and visitors and new members are welcome (occasional visitor's fee £3).

Mayor's charity coffee
THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is holding a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall, Cowbridge in aid of Motivation Learning Trust and Prostate Cymru on Saturday, March 5 from 10.30am - 12.30pm. All welcome.

Ty Hafan lottery draw

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D920.

● £2,000: 259007.
● The rollover, which is currently £1,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 403231, 386261, 617566, 840006, 864892, 660568, 751138, 322394, 815253, 775947, 586031, 373175, 712872, 285297, 678227, 128284, 950896, 466995, 374262, 1985175.
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River Africa's trip to Malawi – and how the fundraising in Wales helps the charity's work

by GEM REPORTER

OVER the past three years The GEM has reported on the fundraising efforts of Daniel Nadzo for the River Africa charity – and on the charity's work.

Daniel, who works in marketing and web design, told The GEM: "River Africa is committed to the empowerment of chronically poor people in hard-to-reach marginalised rural areas in Africa.

"It is in that context that River Africa made a trip to Malawi in September 2015, with the explicit goal of seeking to improve the quality of rural lives through the establishment of capacity building projects.

"For the past two years, the charity has been considering setting up a schools' programme as a way of providing 'learning outside the classroom' opportunities for pupils from Welsh Schools.

"Students can volunteer in the following fields: medicine, education, conservation, community life, agriculture and care of

orphans.

"Linda Samuel and I visited Malawi, which saw us travel across the country making very strong links with local grass roots organisations working in the development and poverty reduction arena.

"We made links with David Zuzanani of CCAP (Church of Central African Presbyterian) Alan Ndari, headmaster of Chisi School and Joy Mwandama of YODEP (Youth for Development and Productivity).

"These links will spearhead the proposed schools volunteer programme. Furthermore, River Africa agreed in principle to pay school fees for 42 pupils of Chisi School.

"River Africa has also been very grateful for fundraising opportunities presented to its volunteers by Sally Fisher the community champion at Tesco Penarth.

"It goes without saying, without these fundraising opportunities, River Africa would not have been able to travel to Malawi and to change people's lives there."

For more information, go to www.riverafrica.org.



Daniel with Sally Fisher the community champion at Tesco Penarth.



Daniel has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro on a number of occasions to raise funds for River Africa.



Linda Samuel and Daniel on the trip to Malawi in September.

Official opening of Welsh medium school in Barry

AFTER opening its doors to pupils last November, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant recently held an official opening to celebrate the new building.

The redevelopment is part of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's school investment programme, aiming to deliver 'state-of-the-art teaching' across the Vale.

Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant had previously shared premises with Oak Field Primary School, who relocated in their own purpose-built premises in the grounds of the original site in September 2015.

The building then underwent 'substantial refurbishment' and the newly-developed Welsh medium school now has the capacity to accommodate 420 pupils and meet an increasing

demand for education in Welsh.

Refurbishment includes flexible IT resources in all classrooms, offering state-of-the-art learning for all children.

Headteacher Rhydian Lloyd said: "It has been fantastic to open the doors of our new school to the children and witness the enthusiasm with which they are taking to the new environment.

"The new building offers many practical improvements that have enhanced the learning experience. It helps us as teachers, to make sure that the children get as much from their schooling as possible and are fully engaged."

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and schools, said: "The Vale Council's school investment programme continues to reshape the way in which we provide education for our children in primary and secondary schools. The redevelopment of Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant is another example of this.

"The increased number of places at the school shows that we are committed to meeting the demand for Welsh medium education, and the state-of-the-art features in the school, will provide a wonderful experience for the students, allowing them to learn in new and interesting ways."

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Jazz funding bid

VALE Jazz organisers have submitted a bid for funding with the Arts Council for Wales to enable them to hold this year's event planned to take place in and around Barry Island on May 20-22 – following the success of the first event last year.

They are asking members of the public to email the Welsh Arts Council at information@artscouncilofwales.org.uk with letters of support quoting reference: 20160376.

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Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama hosts 'Shakespeare competition'



Judges Katherine Kettle, Maggie Fletcher and Luke MacGregor.



Cathedral School students Amber Snowton and Aoife Pryor, pictured with teacher Caroline Drewett-Mansell, received highly commended.



Included in the picture are Brynteg School students Jessica Derrick, Millie Evans and Megan Thomas with teacher Paula Beesley.

'ED FORCE ONE' HEADS FOR USA



OPERATED by Air Atlanta Icelandic and piloted by lead singer, Bruce Dickinson, Iron Maiden's Boeing, 747 aka Ed Force One, took off last Friday, February 19, at Cardiff Airport bound for Fort Lauderdale and the start of the band's 'Book Of Souls' world tour.

THE Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama was again the venue when students from four schools competed in the English - Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare competition for a place in the UK Final on March 8 at the Gielgud Theatre in London.

Ena Davies, the ESU competition organiser, commented on the continuing high standard which last year resulted in the Welsh students winning all three prizes in London, while judges Maggie Fletcher (chair), Katherine Kettle and Luke MacGregor faced a difficult task in choosing the winners.

Maggie Fletcher, in announcing the winners, commended all the students on the very high standard.

The winner of the monologue prize was confirmed as Jessica Derrick of Brynteg School, with Steffan Leonard and Manon Keeble of Bryntawe School securing the duologue prize. Aoife Pryor, of the Cathedral School, won the highly commended award.

Derek Morgan, branch chairman, wished the winning students continued success on the stage in London on March 8 and paid a tribute to Ena Davies for her impeccable organisation of the competition on behalf of the south Wales branch.

Forthcoming branch events : Secondary schools public speaking final at Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay, at 1.30pm on March 14.

Details from Derek Morgan on 01656 669129 or email dmcaym@googlemail.com.

Mountain movies

THE international Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour will bring big screen stories to Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion on March 16.

The festival tour showcases films from the global mountain culture and sports community, selected from over 350 entered in the 40th anniversary edition of the Banff Mountain Film Festival, held in the Canadian Rockies in November 2015.

Scouts' jumble
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The cost of a professionally-drafted Will after taking advice is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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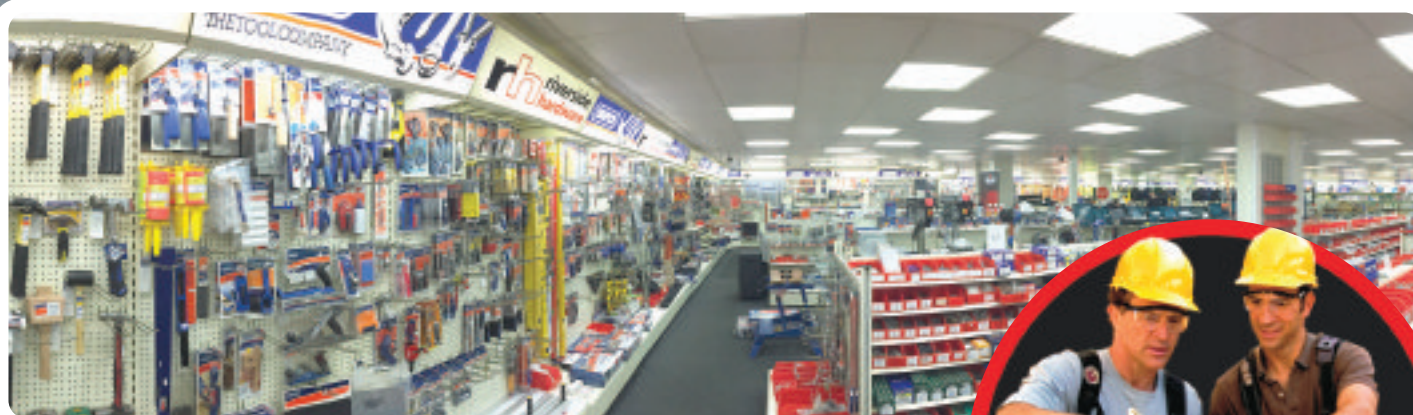
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MOTORING into Spring....

DRIVING THE MILLIONAIRE'S DREAM CAR...

THE Bentley Bentayga – pronounced with a capital A sound in the middle – is the newest, fastest and most luxurious SUV you can buy.

It's packed with exquisite detailing that lifts it above the rest of the SUV crowd, plus technology that helps it drive shockingly well.

It's more than 5.1 metres long, two metres wide, even excluding the mirrors, and weighs 2.5 tonnes with a driver on board.

Under the bonnet is an all-new 6.0-litre W12 engine that shares not a single nut, bolt or screw with its predecessor.

Two banks of six cylinders diagonally interlaced provide 600bhp and a creamy 664lb/ft of torque, courtesy of two twin-scroll turbochargers.

Looks and image
Here's the divisive

bit. The back is a little bland and could belong to a few other brands if you squint, but small tweaks to the front since the concept stage have improved it no end.

It's colour-sensitive, though, and you'll want to pitch for one of the beautiful reds, greens or blues. Bentayga Brown is a choice you might come to regret. Either way, the lustrous paint finishes are utterly gorgeous.

There are no image worries here. It's a Bentley in every way; true to what the modern brand stands for and true to the direction the company's founder W.O. Bentley would have wanted for it. If you like the idea of a luxury SUV, there's nothing more appealing in the world.

Space and

practicality

A big boot and useful cabin storage combine to make good on the Bentayga's promise of space. The boot lip is high, but you can customise it with a practical fold-down ledge for sitting on.

Beyond that is a capacious boot, three rear seats with loads of legroom and the back half of four-zone climate control. Just be careful with the beautifully soft leather, won't you?

Behind the wheel

The 12 cylinders deliver near-instant, crushing, relentless torque that's seamlessly delivered to the road via four independently electrically-controlled wheels of up to 22 inches across. It's breathtakingly quick.

You can't completely escape 2.5 tonnes, but the Bentayga stays implausibly flat through corners thanks to a 48-volt electrical system that tweaks the ever-plush suspension while you drive.

Carrying indecent speed through corners without body roll is the big Bentley's party piece, but the rest of the package is sublime.

The multi-way adjustable seats are all-day comfy, the driving position is perfect behind the slightly-too-chunky steering wheel and the obviously Volkswagen Group-

sourced satnav interface is a dream to use.

There's even a good sense of feel and feedback at the wheel.

It's also so quiet that you'll think you've gone deaf. In traffic, you'd think it was electric, and even at 70mph and 1,500rpm in the eighth of the buttery-smooth gearbox's ratios, it's like two clouds rubbing together.

It doesn't sound as good under power as the Mulsanne and the brakes should be stronger, but otherwise, it's exceptional.

Value for money

For a starting price more than double that of the Range Rover, it depends how much you want that exclusivity, that badge and the mind-boggling attention to detail on offer here.

But £1,400 to have a craftsman pick up a different colour of thread with which to stitch the dashboard does seem a bit unreasonable – and that's just one of up to £70,000 worth of options on the press launch cars.

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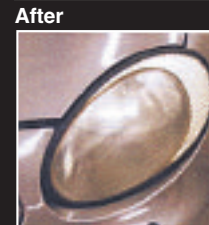
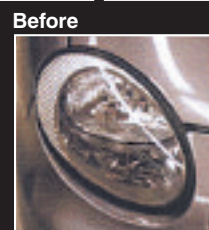
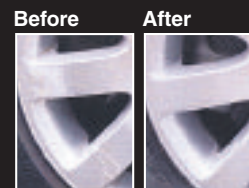
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Motoring into Spring...



All new Kia Sportage available at Gravells Kia Bridgend

THE fourth generation Kia Sportage, which benefits from major advances in fuel efficiency, comfort, connectivity, convenience and safety, is available to purchase at Gravells Kia Bridgend.

With prices starting from £17,995, the all-new model is sure to prove as popular with its predecessors with motorists in Wales.

It comes in 18 variants and for the first time, GT-Line versions are available – adding an even sportier flourish to the range. The luxurious First Edition model, which is priced at £31,645, heads the line-up, and GT-Line models start at £24,350.

Paul Philpott, President and CEO of Kia Motors UK, said: "The car has some of the most advanced technologies available in a Kia which will appeal to our customers."

All versions of the new Kia Sportage, except the entry-level grade, include a seven or eight-inch touch screen satellite navigation system linked to Kia Connected Services with TomTom, providing full European mapping and detailed traffic, speed camera, weather and local services information – handy features for motorists driving the streets of Bridgend.

Further up the range, speed limit information, lane keep assist, high

beam assist, autonomous emergency braking and blind spot detection with rear cross traffic alert are available.

As well as offering fantastic connectivity and innovative technology, the fourth generation Sportage benefits from a range of other features. Even grade '1' models come with 16-inch alloy wheels, smart black cloth upholstery with a grey headlining, electrically adjustable door mirrors, a premium feel leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter and all-round electric windows.

The new model is also up to 7mpg more economical, with CO₂ reductions of as much as 29g/m – making it more cost efficient and environmentally friendly.

Casian Wright of Gravells Kia Bridgend said: "We're delighted to have the all-new Kia Sportage on our forecourt which has received a lot of interest from day one. The Sportage's fun-to-drive qualities have been honed to an even sharper degree in the new model through a combination of a much stiffer body shell, extensive suspension revisions and a new steering system."

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MOTORING into Spring...

REVEALED – the UK's favourite driving music!

QUEEN'S classic anthem 'Bohemian Rhapsody' has topped the charts in a survey of British drivers' favourite driving music.

The research by Goodyear was compiled ahead of the Brit Awards, revealing the legendary genre-busting track as a clear winner.

Guns 'n' Roses

by Press Association motoring reporters

came in second with 'Sweet Child O' Mine' and Led Zeppelin took third with another air guitar winner, 'Stairway To Heaven'.

But the most interesting stats were revealed by car brand, where Seat owners were the most likely to be caught listening to Bob Marley's 'No Woman No Cry', while

Hyundai drivers generally prefer Oasis and 'Live Forever'.

People in Skodas threw a curve ball with their most popular song emerging as 'Ring of Fire' by Johnny Cash. Hondas are to be found playing R'nB more often than anything else, but the single most popular song among their owners is David

Bowie's 'Life on Mars'.

Overall, rock was the most popular genre of music with 36 per cent of the vote, followed by pop on 26 and R'nB with seven per cent.

Other songs on Goodyear's Top 10 include 'Let It Be' by The Beatles, 'Every Breath You Take' by The Police, and the 2004 classic, 'Mr Brightside' by The Killers.

The firm has even turned the results into an epic road trip Spotify playlist.

"Music has the ability to make us feel good even when stuck in traffic," says Kate Rock, PR manager for Goodyear Tyres UK.

"The mix of genres in the top 10 reveals the differing tastes of the British public, but Queen still reigns on the roads when it comes to great driving tunes."

Bentley reviewed

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Who would buy one?

SUVs are so popular the world over, that when you think about it, it's surprising it has taken car makers like Bentley so long to build a hyper-luxury one.

The company has already raised its target of 3,600 units a year to reach adequate profitability – they'll easily shift all 5,000 they can build every 12 months. People with the means will buy the Bentayga simply because it's the best.

This car summed up in a single

word: Mighty

If this car was a hotel it would have five stars, a peerless interior and tangible heritage in its workmanship.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

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Children from a local nursery dressed in national costume.

'Make St David's Day a bank holiday' – call

ON a busy St David's Day in the area, Cardiff Airport unveiled a new dragon, and the Welsh Conservatives joined those calling for Wales' national day to become a bank holiday.

The Shadow Culture Minister, Suzy Davies AM, said: "A St David's Day Bank Holiday could act as a global showcase for our nation; and provide people across the country with a unique opportunity to celebrate our identity."

"It would be a fantastic way to celebrate our national day; equally providing a significant boost to Wales' international reputation and tourist industry."

She explained that the decision was not, at present, one that Wales



Volunteers from Maries Curie.

could take independently of the UK Parliament, as it is not a devolved power.

However, Scotland already has a bank holiday for its Patron Saint, St Andrew and Northern Ireland has a bank holiday for St Patrick.

Mrs Davies said that

although Labour supported the idea, she felt that they had done "so little to press for change".

She emphasised: "A Welsh Conservative Government would fully support, endorse and press for the introduction of a St David's Day Bank Holiday."

DAFFODILS AT AIRPORT

At Cardiff Airport, the terminal was decorated with Welsh flags and daffodils, and Marie Curie volunteers from the local hospice collected on behalf of their daffodil appeal for the hospice in Penarth.

Children from the nearby 'Passport to Play' day nursery arrived – all dressed up in traditional Welsh dress (above) before enjoying a special St David's Day lunch back at the nursery.

In the arrivals hall, a brand new dragon

Name the airport's new dragon.

sculpture was unveiled. His or her name will be chosen by vote on social media using #NameOurDragon.

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Cardiff Airport, said: "St David's Day is a very special day for us, we're very proud of our Welsh heritage so it's the perfect opportunity for us to celebrate with passengers and staff."

'Vale needs more than photo-ops'

ITRULY hope the Aston Martin deal materialises – my scepticism though is well-earned.

This announcement comes 10 weeks before the Assembly election and recent history is littered with mega-announcements that fall through or become much smaller... after an election.

In the 2011 campaign, Cardiff's LG television plant was taken over by a group promising thousands of jobs from new solar batteries. GCell today is a much smaller business.

This Government is still chasing a company who fled Wales last summer after pocketing an £11 million grant. Recently, it gave consultants CapGemini a £1.4-million grant for 33

consulting jobs per year through 2017.

How much will these Aston Martin jobs cost the taxpayer? Labour refuses to reveal any details. Sony left; Tata is leaving.

After 100,000 manufacturing jobs were lost on their watch, this Government now 'discusses' Wales' business drain?

I was part of the Miami Miracle in the 1980s. We brought three million jobs to a city region the size of Wales. Real business development requires a dedicated, focused public-private partnership v photo-ops of Welsh flags draped over sports cars.

We deserve and demand better. Denis Campbell, Lib Dem Assembly candidate for the Vale.

Aston Martin link recalled

I WAS interested to read that Aston Martin has chosen St Athan as its new base, as I spent my happy childhood living at East Lodge, Crossways.

Shortly after we moved there in 1968, Ian Pugh bought Crossways House and moved in with his wife and daughters, Lara and Louise.

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Norma Greene.

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and resources to create a covered classroom where youngsters can learn through play.

With your help, we could turn the £8,000 into £12,000 for the Amelia Trust Farm, if people shopping at Tesco vote for us in store next week!

"Tesco will be issuing voting tokens this week until March 6. The more votes we get the more we can spend on equipment for our young people and visitors!"

You can vote for the Farm at Tesco stores in the Vale.

JO WHITFIELD



MYND AM DRO I'R FRO GYDA DAI LINGUAL... I'r Bontfaen

Dydw i heb fentro mor bell â'r Bontfaen wrth 'fynd am dro' hyd yn hyn, nid oherwydd unrhyw ddiogel nac ychwaith cenfigen o drigolion "St. Albans Cymru" – sef un o'r trefi mwyaf poblogaidd i fyw ynddi yn ôl prisiau'r tai – ond o'r herwydd nad oedd gen i fawr o glem ble i ddechrau o ran trafodaeth ynglŷn â'r enw.

O ddarlenn Asterix deallaf taw carreg mawr yw Maen Hir – neu Menhir wrth gwrs [enghraifft arall i'r casgliad o eiriau sydd wedi treiddio trwyddo o'r Gymraeg i'r Saesneg – ond cyfrol arall fydd honno, gobeithio!], felly roeddwn i'n cymryd yn ganiataol tan yn ddiweddar iawn mai bont gyda cherrig mwyaf'r Fro oedd hanfod yr enw...

Fodd bynnag, wrth ymchwilio ar ran ymgyrch llwyddiannus #CaruS4C yn ddiweddar, ymwelais ag Aberdâr – tref yng Nghymru wrth gwrs nid yn ein Bro ni hyd yn oed – ond serch hynny mae eu llyfrgell yn drwch gyda llyfrau hanes lleol De Cymru; ac os ydych chi yn lwcus tu hwnt fe ddewch chi o hyd i ambell i arbenigwr yn pori drostynt hefyd i'ch hebrwng i'r gyfrol gyfrolol...

Meddai C.J. Evans yn The Story of Glamorgan taw enw gwreiddiol y Bontfaen oedd "Y Dref Hir yn y Waun" – llond ceg yn ogystal â llond cwm yn fy marn i – ac yna yn datgelu taw hanfod yr enw modern yw'r hanesyn (neu chwedl!) lleol sef:

Wedi adeiladu pont o gerrig – neu feini! – dros yr afon Ddaw/an [h.y. The Thaw – na, nid 'see saw' gyda lisp ond megis yr afon yn Abergthaw] fe gaeth buwch a oedd yn cael ei herlid gan gŵn ei dal tan ei bod hi methu symud o dan y bont: sydd yn esboniad sy'n gwneud synnwyr mewn mwy nag un ystyr efallai.

Gwelwn felly fod y fersiwn Cymraeg yn deillio o fwy nag un tarddiad:

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 - Pont nad sydd yn lydan – sy'n fain felly
- Yn wir, o glywed os nad gweld yr

enw, yr ail esboniad sydd i glywed i mi yn fwyaf amlwg; ac felly yw hi'n bosib bod y chwedl wedi deillio o'r ffaith nad oedd modd gyrru defaid na gwartheg dros y bont [fain] gwreiddiol? – ac felly pan gafodd pont arall ei hadeiladu efallai mai honno oedd y bont i yrru gwartheg – diolch byth does dim rhaid imi boeni (dim mw!) am yr enw yn yr iaith fain hefyd! (A chyfeiriad at siâp y geg wrth siarad Saesneg yw hynny, mae'n debyg.)

Yn rhyfedd iawn, er gymaint o wybodaeth cefais o gyfrol C.J. Evans, rhaid imi nodi ei fod ef o'r farn taw o Bontfynon y daw enw'r Bontfaen – a bod hynny rhywst hefyd yn deillio hefyd o'r stori o'r buwch druan yn cael ei chyrn yn sonnd yn y bont...?! Debyg mi ddyle'r theori hynny wedi cael yr un ffawd a'r fuch druan – sef y bu'n rhaid i'r perchennog saethu'r fuch yn farw yn y fan a'r lle. Fe welwch chi lun o'r fuch cyn iddi gwympo yn llorweddol ar arfbais y dref: Cowbridge's Colwja of Arms felly!

Os mynnwch chi astudio cynnig Evans o Bontfynon o ddifri, a oes modd credu taw 'pont yr afon' ydoedd? A bod hynny mor gyffredin – ym mhob ystyr y gair – fel bod angen enw gwell ar y dref fonhedd hon.

O ystyried y ddau enw cyfoes i'r Bontfaen, credaf efallai taw chwedlau wedi eu creu er mwyn cyfiawnhau'r ddau enw gwahanol sydd genym fan hyn, a rhaid cyfaddef bod hynny i raddau yn creu diffyrwch o gael dwy iaith a dwy ystyr hollol wahanol ar un ardal – trwch arall o ystyr, ag iddi gyfoeth ei hun.

Mae 'Dai Lingual' am geisio creu rhifyn arbennig o 'Mynd am Dro...' gogyfer ag ymweliad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i'r Fenni – cysylltwch felly os oes gennych chi gysylltiad gyda neu hanesyn o Sir Fynwy os gwelwch yn dda: david.wyn@dailingual.cymru

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Fe astudiodd Gwleidyddiaeth Gymreig a Rhyngwladol ym Mhrifysgol Aberystwyth, ac ers y cyfnod hynny mae wedi ymgymryd â nifer o rolau ychwanegol sy'n gynnwys Swyddog yr Iaith Gymraeg Undeb Myfyrwyr Prifysgol Aberystwyth, Cadeirydd Bwrdd Syr Ifanc Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Llywydd Cymdeithas Myfyrwyr Astudiaethau Celtaidd Iwerddon a Phrydain, Swyddog yr Iaith Gymraeg UCM Cymru, Llywydd Undeb Myfyrwyr Prifysgol Aberystwyth, a Chynrychiolydd Myfyrwyr y Coleg Gymraeg Cenedlaethol.

Erbyn hyn, mae Jacob wrthi'n cwblhau Gradd Meistr mewn Newyddiaduraeth ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd.



Mae'r Gymraeg a'i diwylliant yn agos iawn at ei galon, ac mae ganddo ddiddordeb arbennig yn y celfyddydau a materion cyfoes lleol a chenedlaethol. Mae hefyd yn dyfarnu i Undeb Rygbi Cymru yn ei amser sbâr!

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Penderfynwyd hyn yn oes y Pab Gregory – pan sefydlwyd y Calendr Gregoraidd – ac fe gafodd ei fabwysiadu yng Nghymru a Lloegr ym 1752.

Detilir y Pasg yn y Gorllewin ar y Sul cyntaf ar ôl y Lleuad Lawr cyntaf sy'n dilyn cyhydnos y Gwanwyn (sef equinox – pan fo'r haul uwchben y cyhydded – equator – a mae pawb trwy'r byd yn cael 12 awr o ddydd a 12 awr o nos) – sef Mawrth 21ain.

OND os yw'r Lleuad Lawr yn disgyn ar y Sul yna detilir y Pasg ar y Sul canlynol. – (rhag clasho gyda Gŵyl y Bara Croym – Passover)

Mae eglwys i'r Dwyrain yn dal i ddilyn yr hen Galendr Julian – a mae eu Pasg nhw yn disgyn ar dyddiadau gwahanol. Weithiau 13 diwrnod yn ddiweddarach, ond ddim bob tro (gan ddiwynnu ar y Lleuad eto).

Y diwrnod cynharaf y gellir datlu Sul y Pasg yw Mawrth 22ain (a ddigwyddodd y tro diwetha yn 1818 – bydd y nesa yn 2285). A'r Sul ddiweddaraf y gellir



dathlu'r Pasg yw Ebrill 25ain (digwyddodd ddiwetha yn 1943 – mae'r nesaf yn 2038).

Ac wedi penderfynu'r Pasg – wedyn gellir penderfynu Dydd Mawrth Ynyd, Dydd Mercher Lludw, Pentecost ayb.

Mae Sulgwyn erbyn hyn yn wyl sefydlog – ond mae'r wyl grefyddol Pentecost o felly ynghlwm wrth ddyddiad y Pasg.

Yn ddi-ddorol, fe basiodd ein Llywodraeth ni i gael Pasg sefydlog ym 1928, fyddai'n syrthio bob blwyddyn ar y Sul sy'n dilyn yr ail Ddydd Sadwrn ym mis Ebrill (sef rhywbryd rhwng Ebrill 9fed ac Ebrill 15fed). Ond cyn gweithredu hyn rhaid i Gyngor Eglwys i'r Byd gytuno; a hyd yma...?

Eleni bydd yr Haul yn symud i arwydd Aries ar Fawrth 21ain am 00.48 wedi hanner nos – dechrau'r flwyddyn Astrolegol – felly Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Mae Lleuad Lawr yn Libra ar Fawrth 23ain – felly mae'r Pasg yn dilyn ar Fawrth 27ain, a dyna pryd fydd y clociau yn symud ymlaen awr hefyd.

Mwynhewch eich wyau Pasg!

Eiry Palfrey

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PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB ROUND-UP

A drawn game at fourth-placed Bristol & West means that Penarth Hockey Club first XI's promotion bid is on hold for another week, but all three teams emerged unbeaten from a weekend with meaning for their respective GoCrea8 Hockey League campaigns.

BRISTOL & WEST 1, PENARTH 1

Penarth's first XI travelled to Bristol & West knowing that a victory would see them achieve their pre-season goal of promotion but, for the third week in a row, were forced to take a streamlined squad although at least they had the luxury of a substitute to maintain fresh legs in attack this time around.

Despite this, the Vale side were full of confidence knowing that, if they performed as they had done in previous weeks, they were more than capable of coming away with a positive result, and came flying out of the blocks once again.

This time, Chris Baker embarked on a long run, making his way to the top of the Bristol & West 'D' before slotting his effort into the bottom corner to give the Bears the lead with their first attack.

Even though the home side had little to play for other than pride they commendably came back fighting, committing men forward on the attack.

The tactic paid off almost immediately and, not long after Penarth had taken the lead, Bristol & West were unlucky not to level the tie after a goal-line scramble. The home team was certain the ball

had crossed the line but the umpire, unsighted through the melee, was unable to award the goal and Penarth cleared their line and breathed a sigh of relief as they kept their lead intact.

Bristol & West were not to be denied, however, and continued to apply pressure, eventually getting the goal they deserved from a penalty corner as a drag flick from the top of the 'D' deceived goalkeeper Adam Putt.

The remainder of the half proved to be an even affair, with neither team able to establish themselves and create clear-cut chances.

By the midway point of the second half, Penarth looked fully in control, with the game being played mostly in and around the home team's 'D' as they looked for the winner.

However, the Bristol & West keeper was in inspired form, as he produced several smart saves to deny both a potential game winner.

With minutes remaining, Chris Baker took his turn to launch another attack but, having beaten his man to the ball, was caught by the opponent's follow-through and suffered a nasty-looking hand injury.

Scans would later reveal a badly broken finger, which required surgery and looks to have brought a premature end to another impressive season, although Baker remains hopeful of returning for the final of the Welsh Trophy if Penarth can emerge triumphant from their semi-final in mid-March.

Despite the injury robbing them of a potential game-changer, Penarth continued to dominate and press for a winner, but were unable to find a way through the Bristol & West defence, leaving the scores level at the final whistle.

While the result ensures that the pursuit of promotion continues into another week, the Bears now have the opportunity of sealing the deal on home soil this coming weekend.

WHITCHURCH 0, PENARTH 3

After suffering a six-point negative swing for fielding an ineligible player in their push for both promotion and, potentially, the De Cymru 2 title, the 2nd XI knew that they would almost certainly have to win all six of their remaining games to be in with a chance of moving up a division next season.

In a seven-team division which sees every team play each other three times, this meant that Penarth would have to beat all six opponents back-to-back; however, heading into Saturday's away fixture against Whitchurch 'E', the Bears were already

halfway to achieving their objective.

Penarth started well and controlled possession from the off, but initially proved unable to turn pressure into goals, with the forwards going close on several occasions.

Just as Whitchurch may have sensed an opportunity to upset the appellation, however, the visitors finally broke the deadlock when David Kidby found Dave Watkins unmarked on the penalty spot and the veteran striker made no mistake to put Penarth one up.

With momentum now firmly in hand, the Vale side quickly doubled their advantage, with Sam Chick dispossessing the Whitchurch wing-back before rounding the final defender and squeezing the ball past the goalkeeper.

The second goal seemed to spur Whitchurch into redoubling their efforts and, through a blend of veteran heads and youthful bodies, the home side started to play some better hockey, dominating the final exchanges of the half.

The energetic Sam Docherty orchestrated a nice passing move down the left at the start of the second half that saw all of Penarth's midfield and attacking players take a touch, before the ball eventually found its way to James Kidby, who slapped home from close range.

With four wins now under their belt, Penarth will look to keep their squad together and extend their run this weekend to set up what would effectively become a promotion play-off finale against Swansea University on the last week of the season.

PENARTH B 3, SWANSEA CITY C 2

Penarth Bees entertained Swansea C determined to build on this season's improving results against their rivals, and produced a battling performance to emerge 3-2 victors in a fiercely contested encounter.

Goals from the impressive duo of Sam Salisbury and Devash Patel that saw the Bees 2-0 up at the interval, but the second half was a completely different story, as Swansea dominated from the outset and it was only fine defending that restricted the rampant visitors to two goals and what appeared to be a share of the spoils.

However, with momentum back in their favour, the Bees finally got their just reward when a penalty corner won by the battling skipper saw Paul Thomas hammer the ball home following Pratt's mis-hit shot, but the defensive effort was reflected as Morgan Salisbury and Rob Harrison shared man-of-the-match honours.

Penarth still need other unlikely results to go their way if they are to join the two senior sides in chasing promotion, but Saturday's display emphasises that they will keep battling until the end of the season, if only to keep up the pressure on their rivals.

All three Penarth sides will be in action again this coming weekend, with the first XI looking to move a step closer to confirming promotion as they host Bristol University at Stanwell School, while the seconds cannot yet be certain of their fate, a win over lowly Llanishen & Caerphilly 'B' - also at Stanwell - will keep them in a tie for top spot, while the 3rd XI travel to Gwent in search of three valuable points of their own.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Tom's winner

TOM DAVID, of Llanharan, riding Itchymel'mScratch, won the restricted open race at the Mid-Devon Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Blackforest Lodge on Sunday, coming home eight lengths ahead of Creative Inertia.

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, riding David Brace's Bob The Builder, had to settle for second place in the Intermediate race being beaten by half-a-length by Commanche Conflict.

Welsh champion rider John Mathias also failed to ride a winner but was placed in three of the other races during the day.

This Saturday a number of Welsh horses and riders will be in action at the Duke of Beaufort fixture at Didmarton and the following day at the Ross Harriers meeting at Garnons.

BRIAN LEE

Young boxers looking for trip sponsorship

COLCOT ABC are looking to run a training camp in Malaga for a week in June for children from the Colcot area of Barry.

These children all have a special talent in boxing and have the opportunity to go and train with some of the world's elite.

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New homes at Cwrt Col-Huw, Llantwit Major



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Newydd Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this development.

Contact the Homes4U hotline on 01446 709840.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 3 March 2016



To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at **HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** or apply in writing to:
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 Visible Services and Housing
 Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or
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 121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

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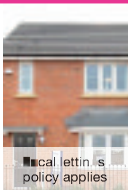
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 • Central heating
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 • Gardens
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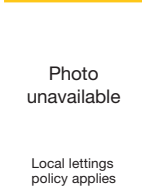
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H4U Reference 125329
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 • Double-glazing
 • Community alarm
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

BURDONS CLOSE, WENVOE

Wales & West Housing Association with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development at Burdons Close.



Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4u members with a local connection to Wenvoe as the local lettings policy applies.

- Two, three-bedroom houses
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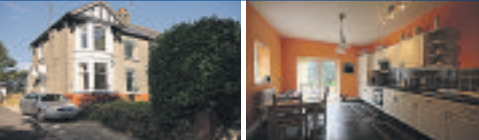
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Garage
Cul-de-sac location
Sea views

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Shower Room
Living/Dining Room

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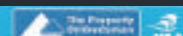
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Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00173/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed family room and kitchen extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Llanvithyn House, Llanrcarfan
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00113/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of retail unit, alterations to the elevations of an existing retail unit, car park reconfiguration, landscaping and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: Waterfront Retail Park, Heol Ceiniog, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00128/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Variation of conditions 4, 8, 9 and 10 of application 2015/00422/FUL to modify pre-commencement conditions to allow phasing of development, to allow placement of accommodation on site
Location:/Lleoliad: Springfield Nursery, Sutton Road, Llandow

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00030/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: An agricultural building for the housing of cattle
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at The Lawns, Cwrt yr Ala, Michaelston le Pit

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Land south of Cog Road, Sully.
FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED - ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY WORK

I give notice that Taylor Wimpey plc is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Residential development with associated access and associated works (max 350 dwellings).

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from Savills, 12 Plas Windsor, Cardiff. CF10 3BY so long as stocks last.

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Vi will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, March 8 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation.

PASCOE Colin

Peacefully on February 27th, Colin, aged 85 years, of Rhose, a well known Church organist.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. Funeral service in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, March 11th at 10am, followed by family only please to Holy Trinity Churchyard, Marcross.

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HOPKINS Geoff

Peacefully in hospital, on 26 February 2016, aged 85 years of Castle Close, Boverton.

Funeral service to take place at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Friday, 11 March at 10am.

Sadly missed by his loving family.

Acknowledgements

LEMMER Roy

Hilary, Matt and Becca would like to say a big thank you to all the many friends who came to Roy's memorial service at St Donats Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, February 18, for the lovely cards and flowers sent and the support received.

To Father Anthony who conducted a beautiful service at the crematorium and the church.

Thank you.

HARRIS Colin Desmond

Peacefully passed away on 11 February, aged 76. Lilian wishes to thank all the staff of Holme Towers, Penarth and Llandough Hospital for the excellent care provided to Colin.

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Peros and Mrs Pat Werprecht for their help.

From a mother and family, God Bless you all.

NEIL FRY

Julie, Rory, Jo, Dave, George and Violet extend heartfelt thanks to neighbours, family and friends for their love and support at this sad time.

Thanks to Liz and Allan at Marie Curie, district nurses, Porthcerry surgery, Green Willows for helping us to honour Neil's wishes, Cath for the beautiful poem and Barry West End Club.

The family would like to thank everyone for their donations in Neil's memory. Neil's light shines on.

MULCOCK Joseph Henley

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THOMAS

Phyllis Eileen (Née Broughton)

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HERBERT Marjorie Kate

Peacefully on February 28 at her home surrounded by her family, Marj, aged 90 years of Llantwit Major. Adored wife of the late Dougy, very much loved mum of Marilyn and Ken. Dear mother-in-law to the late Geoff. Loved so much by her grandson Will, his wife Sammie and great grandchildren Bethan and Jamie.

Funeral service in St Illtud's Church on Monday, March 14 at 10.45am, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations for the Alzheimer's Society (cheques only) and all enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son. 01446 792489.

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MONTGOMERY Clement (Stan)

Peacefully after a short illness on Thursday, 25th February 2016, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend; Stan of Cwrt-y-Felin, Wick, Bridgend. Beloved husband of the late Shirley, dearly loved father of Janet, a treasured grandfather of Samantha and Robert and loyal friend of Hywel.

Funeral on Friday, 4th March. Service and interment at St. James Church, Wick at 11.30am. (Family request that everyone wears some red) Family flowers only with donations in lieu if desired to either Cancer Research UK or Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Tel 01656 650831.

MILES Marie Frances

Passed away peacefully on 25th February 2016. Much loved widow of Alan Miles, mother of Colin (and Janet), Sue (and Mark) and John (and Amber), grandmother of Hannah, Reuben, Lauren and Luke.

Funeral service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 9th March 2016 at 1.15pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be made to parkinsons.org.uk or redcross.org.uk.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

EVANS Iris Marion

Peacefully on February 26th at Barry Community Hospital - Iris, aged 95 years, and a former teacher at Holton Road Primary School and St Athan Camp School. Loving mum to David, Alan and their families. Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 8th March at 1pm. Floral tributes may be sent to the Funeral Home. Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

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GRANDEUR is not an adjective that you might associate with Penarth, but **Penarth History Tour**, a book by David Ings, makes a convincing case.

For a Penarthian, or perhaps someone who has developed a strong affection for the area, this volume of photographs past and present, is a quick guide to the town's development.

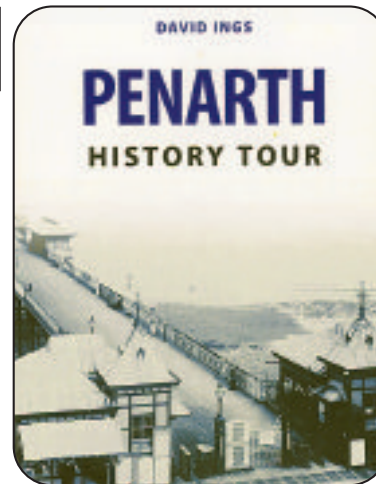
The book covers the all major locations in the town.

Mr Ings, who lived in Penarth for the first 25 years of his life and has moved the short distance to live in Cardiff, often includes a page with a 'then' and 'now' image – and there are helpful explanatory comments.

Mr Ings points out: "Penarth boasts some fine examples of Victorian and Edwardian architecture from the town's heyday in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when it was fondly referred to as 'the garden by the sea'."

Images of the town centre – 'Bank Corner' and 'Windsor Road Shops' – in the early part of the 20th century demonstrate Penarth's early grandeur.

One of the town's tragedies was the Esplanade Hotel (number 22 in this history tour) being destroyed by fire in 1976. In its pomp, it had a restaurant, a cafe and



ornamental gardens. It was a base for the Barbarians who used to play Penarth Rugby Club every Good Friday. These

In our busy lives we often fail to spot the architectural gems that surround us – and this volume puts that to

rights for Penarth. **Penarth History Tour** is published by Amberley Books, retails for £6.99, and should be available in local bookshops.

For more information, go to: www.amberley-books.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Arts Group

THE March exhibition at the Old Hall Cowbridge is by the Vale Photographic Club, which meets on Fridays at Ystradowen village hall (see www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk).

The Old Hall is open weekdays (including evenings) and admission is free. To confirm opening times call 01446 773831.

South Wales Shadows Club

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP

THE Vale of Glamorgan league was back in action after most teams hadn't played for nearly three months due to the bad weather.

Wenvoe Arms progressed to the semi-finals of the Barry Cup as they won 3-1 away to Cowbridge Town, a tricky tie considering Cowbridge are the only team to inflict defeat upon Wenvoe in the league this season. AFC Rhose eased into the semi-finals of the ASRS Cup with a 3-0 win over SP Construction.

Meanwhile in the Premier Division league leaders St Athan were held 1-1 by fifth place Barry Athletic. The point sees St Athan two points ahead of Wenvoe but the second place side have a game in hand.

Penarth Town shocked Dinas Powys Athletic 4-2 at Bryn a Don and Island Marine secured a massive three points in a 4-3 thriller against Masons Moving Group.

In the First Division five teams are well in the title hunt. Leaders Sully Sports dispatched bottom team BV 4-1 but Cogan Coronation notched their ninth win of the campaign with a 4-0 win over FC Pumas to stay a point behind them.

Vale United hit six

past AFC Rhose B making it eight games unbeaten after only winning one of their first three games this season.

United took full advantage to leapfrog their title rivals to third place, as Barry Belgrade drew 2-2 with Cadoxton Athletic and Cardiff Airport B lost away 2-1 to Tynwydd. Cadoxton Barry and Glenbrook played out a 3-3 draw to share the spoils.

Division Two leaders Barry Athletic B extended their lead at the top to seven points as they cruised past Barry Albion 4-0. Second placed Dockers got a big win over fourth place Cadoxton Imps, Dockers hitting five to the Imps' one.

Knap kept in touch with the top two with an impressive 6-2 win over St Athan B; lastly, Island Marine B and Penarth Town B played out a 1-1 draw.

Finally, champions Cardiff Airport represented the Vale in the SWFA Intermediate Cup with fine quarter-final victory, 3-0, over AFC Rumney Juniors.

Airport will now play Hirwaun Sports in the semi-finals with Trebanog v Llangeinor the other tie.

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The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 6, West End 9; Liberals 7, Rhose Social 8; West End Runaways 7, Moors Boys 8.

League table: Wyndham Cons 128, West End 127, West End Runaways 123, Liberals 122, Rhose Social 116, Moors Boys 105, Cadoxton Cons 104.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

King William XII 1.5, Slammers 5.5; Rugby Club 5, Rhose Social B 2; Cambrian Flyers 2; Rhose Social A 5; Rhose Social C 1, Allsorts 6; Liberals A 4, Liberals C 3; Barries Boys 7, Rhosesters 0.

League table: Sea View B 81, West End D 71, Rugby Club 70.5, King William XII 63, Barries Boys 60.5, Allsorts 57, Slammers 57, Rhose Social B 56, West End C 55, Liberals A 55, Rhose Social A 54.5, Rhosesters 52, Liberals C 44.5, Rhose Social C 44, Cambrian Flyers 40.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 3, Caddy Allstars 2; Harbour B 4, Wyndham Cons A 1; Rhose Social C 1, Savoy A 4;

Cadoxton Cons Z 0, Cadoxton Cons B 5; West End C 2, Penarth Cons B 3.

League table: Harbour B 72, Savoy A 71, Cadoxton Cons B 54, Wyndham Cons A 51, West End C 48, *Cadoxton Cons Z 42, Rhose Social C 33, Caddy Allstars 32, Rhose Social B 32, Market Street C 30, Penarth Cons B 26.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; West End B 0, Wyndham Cons C 5; Liberators 1, Services Social B 4; Penarth Cons A 4, Market Street B 1; Market Street B 4, Wyndham Cons D 1.

League table: Liberators 59, Services Social B 57, Market Street B 56, Penarth Cons A 56, Savoy B 51, Wyndham Cons C 46, Cadoxton Cons A 40, West End A 40, Sully Sports A 36, West End B 31, Wyndham Cons D 28 (* = Points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Athletic teams back in action

BARRY Athletic men's football teams returned to action after a long winter break due to waterlogged pitches.

The Premier League team hosted league leaders St Athan at the Athletic Ground on Barry Island. The first half saw St Athan grab the lead before Nathan Gratton equalised from the penalty spot.

The second half was a stalemate and the game finished 1-1. Athletic would like to thank St Athan for joining them in the clubhouse after the game, and to Gordon Young for refereeing to a high standard.

VOGAFL DIVISION 2 - BARRY ALBION 0, BARRY ATHLETIC 4

After a lengthy lay-off, Athletic's young side returned to action against Barry Albion.

An early corner from Spencer Price saw Dan Morgan rise to nod in the first. Just a few minutes later it was Morgan again, calmly slotting past the oncoming keeper to send the Athletic in at half-time 2-0 up.

Albion began to grab a foothold on the game early in the second half but Athletic manager Jeff Howells brought on fresh legs and it was that man Morgan again who grabbed the third and his hat-trick.

Ben Graham finished things off to make it 4-0.

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The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

LATEST results for February 8 are as follows:

First division: Baker's Dozen (K Jano, J Mullins 29) 282, SV Gals (C Provis, R Sewel 27) 254; Coppers (D Nesbitt, J Ward 33) 310, Special Angels (C Thomas, C Wills, J Jones, J Abram 30) 322; Space Finders (E Worthy 34) 337, Allsorts (H James 31) 282; Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 31) 295, Bobby's Girls (G Toogood 30) 265; Castle Bandits (L Nash 28) 251, Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 29) 255; Family and Friends (R Cummings, J Kirkby 24) 232, Breakaways (L Burnett, C Parfitt 25) 231; Family Affair (L Brown, S Vincent 27) 254, Barry Stars (C Lambeth 30) 232.

Second division: Little Devils (S Evans 25) 249, Pila Palas (A Williams 32) 257; Castaways (K Billings, J Byrne 29) 283, Merry Makers (C Edwards, K Lewis 27) 283; Rhose Starlings (A White, E Davies 25) 242, Rhose Rovers (M Griffiths 26) 234; After Eight (P Mephram 33) 289, Witchill Widows (L Sullivan, L Spyro 27) 264; Clickies (E Walters 34) 296, Witchill Weebies (H Aspinall, N Hartry 31) 287.

Third division: La Belles (J Williams 35) 332, Rugby Triers (E Nicholaou 34) 319; Westenders (R Morgan 26) 205, Hill Billies (C Whyman 29) 242; Persuaders (K Kemp, F Organ 22) 189, SV Ladies (C Griffiths 24) 186; Fallen Angels (J Tudor, T Lawrence 27) 262, Etetera (T Barton 26) 239; Friends and Neighbours (C White 28) 239, Airways Angels (J Nash, M Carpenter 26) 227; Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh, B Lang, E Bryan, A Forrest 21) 200, Twilights (C Thomas 23) 203.

Fourth division: Guardian Angels (S Aston, L Harris 24) 211, Off The Rails (L Stephenson 26) 209; Challengers (B Griffiths, J Jones, H Velda 30) 249, Uptown Girls (C Miller 33) 308; Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds, S Reynolds 30) 265, Rebels (S Oram 30) 233; Odd Bods (V Jackson 28) 245, Liberals (S Perry, F Williams 26) 150; Nite Outers (L Newman 24) 203, Living On A Spare (S Farmer 23) 225.

Fourth division (February 1): Rebels (J Farr) 190, Challengers (J Jones 28) 246; Off The Rails (K Green 24) 224, Odd Bods (S Ali 26) 210; Liberals (K Stevens 20) 120, Aristocrats (C Chatwell, J Weston 24) 231; Living On A Spare (S Townsend 30) 291, Hell Raisers (L Walters 30) 292.

Please note the secretary's meeting will be on March 7 at the Cadoxton Conservative Club.

VALE MP TALKS TO HIS MARATHON CHARITIES

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has joined forces with two charities and has met local representatives in Barry to discuss his training and fundraising plans for the 2016 London Marathon.

He will be raising funds for Breast Cancer Now and the Brain

Tumour charity when he participates in the run on April 24, and was keen to learn more about the work the two charities do in the local community.

Afterwards, Mr Cairns said: "The London Marathon date is not far away. It was fantastic to listen to the experiences of local friends who have taken such a positive approach by working closely with

the two charities. I am reminded of the importance of fundraising, so awareness of the good work undertaken by local volunteers is vital."

To sponsor Alun Cairns MP and raise funds for Breast Cancer Now and the Brain Tumour Charity, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairns.

Barry rugby veterans welcome the visitors from Beauvais RFC



BARRY RFC continued their long friendship with French side Beauvais (now 42 years) and welcomed them for a weekend of festivities.

Following Wales' win over France, Barry were confident of their chances in our usual Saturday midday Vets match.

The teamsheet for our guests would read slightly differently this year as due to injuries Beauvais had to loan several Barry players and many thanks to Rich Rendall, Graham Mathews and Simon Mephram for swapping shirts.

One might imagine that in this instance players might take it easy. Nothing of the kind - when the referee's whistle blew, Barry attacked down the slope with zest.

As we have learned over numerous fixtures Beauvais are a tough nut to crack even on tour. Barry attacks were met by fierce defence and the game seemed to concentrate in the middle half of the pitch.

With the initial sting taken out of the home attacks, the visitors counter-attacked and scored two well-taken tries through Rendall and Jean Paul Toscano. Whether the extra player made the difference or not was irrelevant as Beauvais deserved their lead.

Barry had to respond and they duly did by upping their drives with Lundy, Compton, Corne and Dyer. Captain Jones, in an unusual scrum half role, was keeping his opposite number busy.

Bubbins at No10 was causing problems with his direct approach, making a clean break only to knock on when in the clear, much to the amusement of the sizeable crowd.

Provis made a customary break down the right and passed inside for Jones to score the first of his brace.

The game continued with attack and counter attack by both hosts and visitors. Numbers were balanced out with Benoit going off after an accidental head injury.

Barry levelled shortly before half-time with Jones crossing the whitewash again. The half-time whistle was gratefully welcomed by both teams as the pace had been frenetic, especially for the age of the majority of the players.

As is normal in such fixtures a warming drink was duly called for and was appreciated. Cheers to Bubbins and Ed Sven for supplying the beverages for both teams.

The second half carried on with typical Barbarian rugby from both teams, with Jones kindly swapping shirts to even numbers.

It is a mark of the home team's determination that it took several scrums before they realised their scrum half had swapped sides! Meanwhile, Barry backs McArthur and Giosanu were kept busy by their fleetfooted opposite numbers.

Barry, now playing up the slope, started to gain the upper hand, aided in part by another Beauvais injury to Yaya D and probable fitness levels.

Phillips had an early birthday present when Moffat, representing Beauvais, made a half break only to pass directly to him before he ran off giggling to start another Barry attack.

Further home tries were scored by Phillips (2),

Lundy (2), including one from a 25 metre sprint to the line, and one from debutant Burns.

Beauvais countered stubbornly with another try for Zeze, but were reduced in numbers again after a nasty shoulder injury to centre Mathews.

The visitors had the last laugh with Toscano scoring in the last play, the final score Barry 7, Beauvais 4.

Barry: Lundy, Dyer, Corne, Compton, Burns, Provis, Jones, Bubbins, Phillips, Giosanu and McArthur; man of the match: Jones.

Beauvais: Zeze, Toscano, Monte, Mathews, Jean P Delarche, Jacky, B Coupas, Rendall, Desloriers, Mephram, Moffat, Vendroux (c); man of the match: Toscano.

Both teams retired to the bar for the third half and more beverages. As always with anecdotes, rugby was the winner as it invariably is. This friendship with Beauvais encapsulates this.

Both teams, and Barry RFC, wish Graham Mathews a speedy recovery from his injury. Festivities carried on during the Six Nations matches and into the night.

Barry RFC would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Barry Male Voice Choir for their traditional renditions and to Norman Pereira and Andrew for their entertaining songs.

Special thanks go to Rachel Baron and Chris Clogg for the lovely food during the day and to Carol and her bar staff for their hospitality.

'Bonne chance' and see you soon our Beauvais brothers and sisters.

AM

Busy weekend for tennis club

THIS weekend saw a busy schedule of fixtures for Barry Community Tennis Club.

With the winter season rapidly drawing to a close, and lots of matches requiring rescheduling due to the awful weather we've had over the last few months, the adult mixed doubles team hosted Canton in glorious (but chilly) sunny conditions at Romilly Park, while the 16 and under team visited Penarth Lawn Tennis Club for a three-way fixture with both PLTC and Llantrisant Tennis Club.

The adults drew on matches but narrowly lost on points as their opponents won more of the fixtures that still require rescheduling after the recent wet weather, the teams are going to have a busy month ahead.

For more information about Barry Community Tennis Club, email info@barryctc.co.uk see www.facebook.com/BarryCommunityTennis or call Penny on 07816 311263.

The winter season concludes at the end of March, and with all of the fixtures that still require rescheduling after the recent wet weather, the teams are going to have a busy month ahead.

Club development coach, Penny Mickelsen, commented: "As a brand new club, Barry CTC are happy just to be entering teams and completing fixtures, so any wins are

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The JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness team at the event.

Local Tae Kwon Do club competes in Caerleon

THE recent Welsh Closed Tae Kwon Do Tournament was another successful outing for the team at JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness.

Held at the University of Wales Caerleon Campus, the competition saw teams taking part from throughout south Wales, as well as guest clubs from further afield.

JSTKD welcomed several first timers in both the girls and boys divisions with the full team comprising: Lynne Doel, Rhys Doel, Menna Burmingham, Chris Edwards, Josh Edwards, Sean Edwards, Jake Hayvice, Zak Hayvice, Alan Li, Emily Doogue, Jessica Doogue, Niamh Padmore, Alesha Roberts, Fraser McKenna, Zak Bowman, Saul Bowman, Alex Munn, Finlay Valvo, Adrian

Brolog, Wilf Dunlinson, Rhys Bryn, Dylan Howe and Viv Wilfred.

Chris Edwards proved to be as reliable and versatile as usual by demonstrating accuracy to take silver in the men's red belt patterns, followed by a display of sound technique to clinch the bronze in the men's red belt sparring.

Son Josh Edwards matched his dad by stepping up to the challenge in style and coming away with the bronze in the boys black belt lightweight sparring.

Meanwhile, in the boys' yellow belt peewee division, Alex Munn powered his way to a well-deserved gold.

Flying the flag for the green belt boys, Jacob Thomas took bronze in the tag team event.

Special mention has to go to Alan Li, who found himself taking part in the men's black belt sparring events as there was no cadet (older boys) division.

He fought hard in the individual sparring, although not quite making the medals, but was determined not to leave empty-handed as he stormed into the tag team sparring. Despite suffering a heavy blow and having to deal with blood streaming down his face, he came away clutching a hard-won silver.

However, the ladies and girls turned in equally notable performances in their respective divisions. An outstanding effort in her first ever competition, saw Alesha Roberts reach the final of the girls lightweight yellow belt sparring, all the more creditable as this was a large group.

Alesha showed great ability against her opponent, but after a questionable decision, had to be content with the silver.

Emily Doogue remained steadfast in the girls lightweight red belt sparring, which paid dividends as she came away with the bronze.

For the ladies, Lynne Doel's experience shone through as she claimed a strategic victory to take the gold in the ladies middleweight red belt sparring event, while Viv Wilfred managed to keep the winning streak going by securing a bronze in both the ladies green belt patterns and ladies lightweight green belt sparring.

Head instructor, Joseph Schembri, said: "Congratulations are deserved by all our team members, many of whom fought well to battle through several rounds, although ultimately missing out on the medals.

"Rhys Doel and Menna Burmingham also deserve a mention as they were just edged into fourth place in the junior synchronised patterns event. This was the first time that Rhys and Menna had performed their complex routine together, indicating great results in the future for this promising partnership."

Visit www.jstkd.co.uk for full details of classes for all levels from ages three years up to adults.

Barry RFC to face runaway leaders

Barry RFC's first XV will once again try to get a game played this Saturday, after managing just two league fixtures since the middle of December due to the extreme weather conditions.

It is a big game for the team as this week's visitors are unbeaten runaway league leaders Porth Harlequins, and with Barry lying one place below them, a keen contest is anticipated with kick off at 2.30pm.

The sides have met previously this season in the Swalec Bowl competition where Porth came out winners in a game where water wings were required, and conditions did not allow either side to show their true abilities on the day.

Last Saturday's Mega 4 Lottery numbers were 3, 4, 13 and 19, with no winners so we roll over again this week as the jackpot nears £1,500.

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KICKBOXERS FIGHT THEIR WAY TO GLORY!

The Barry Kickboxing Club.



BARRY Kickboxing Club attended the ICO Welsh Open on February 14.

Results as follows: Jason Griffiths fought in the men's veterans section and ained second place, despite not having fought for four years; Junior Griffiths (5) fought for the first time and finished third; Callum Brewer gained third place in his section; Cadey fought well but came second; CJ Harcourt finished second in the points section and second in the light contact section; Jackson Griffiths fought well in the points section and came joint third; Dylan Evans fought well and gained second place in the

points section; Connor Gerhartt fought well and gained a second place in the points section; Will Bennett fought really well in his first fight in the light contact section and came away with first place.

It was a great set of results for Barry Kickboxing Club and the club now look forward to taking part in the Welsh Rumble in Bridgend.

Anyone interested in training with the club can join on Tuesday evenings, 6pm-7pm, at the YMCA Hub; for more information contact instructor Jason Griffiths on 07850 598669.

JG

Take a first step on coaching ladder

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First programme, is running a free sports leaders course in partnership with Vale Sports and Play Development, for people who would like to gain a step on the ladder to a career in sports or coaching.

The one-day accredited course will be on Wednesday, March 9, from 9.30am-3.30pm, at Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road. Attendees will learn

about basic sports practices, how to become a coach and develop links with local community sports clubs.

Completing the course will lead to a Level 1 award in sports leadership. Priority for course places will be given to residents living in a Barry Communities First area, which includes parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleand, Court and Gibbonsdown. To be eligible, attendees must be 16 or over.

For more information, or to book a place, contact Peter Bowles on 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

Keen competition at the Barrivale Bridge Club



Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews.



Peter Millar and Jane Brook.

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club for February 23 are as follows:

First, Mark Roderick and Mick Green, 74.76 per cent; equal second, Mike Close and Peter Millar, 57.14 per cent; equal second, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews, 57.14 per cent.

Mark Roderick and Mick Green also won on handicap.

The winners of the 'Mixed Pairs' competition were Jane Brook and Peter Millar with Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones the winners on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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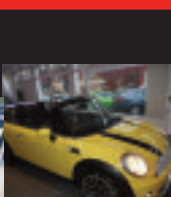
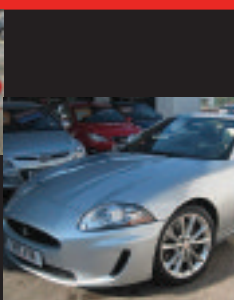
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Unlucky Dinas lose against Llanelli Town

DESPITE having two key players unavailable for this game against Llanelli Town, Dinas Powys FC started brightly, winning four successive corners and were well on top for the first 10 minutes.

The Reds began to get their game together and Ian Evans played striker Nathan Logan in on goal but his effort was well off target. They won a corner of their own on 12 minutes; the ball was half cleared to Jandir Zola who hit a powerful shot but it was straight at Dinas keeper James Curtin to gather comfortably. This was followed by a strike by Logan wide on the left but this was off target.

The visitors were competing well and a Nicky Bruce free kick was on target but Reds keeper Alex Ramsey took it without any trouble.

James Marr put in a fine run for Dinas, evading several tackles and won a corner for his efforts which Bruce took forcing Ramsey to punch clear. At the other end the pacy Bruno Forkuoh hit a dangerous looking shot which clipped the top of the Dinas bar and went out for a goal kick.

Dinas then had an excellent chance to score when a good ball from Rhys Palmer on the left found Sam Adamson on the edge of the six yard box; he attempted to place his shot but it was too near Ramsey who saved with his leg.

The Dinas back four of Adamson, James Bloxham, Nathan Donnelly and Mason Ah-Mun were defending superbly to keep the Reds at bay, clearing two corners and at half-time the score remained 0-0 with the young Dinas side holding their own.

Llanelli came out strongly in the

second period and both Richard Lewis and Liam Samual had shots at goal, both off target.

Rhys Palmer sustained a foot injury and had to be replaced by Luke Swaffield with half an hour remaining and the hosts were beginning to get on top and, from a corner, their towering captain Lee Bevan was given too much room and he headed the ball high into the Dinas net for what proved to be the only goal of the game with 27 minutes still to play.

The hosts then made a substitution, Steve Berry replacing Jandir Zola. Curtin was called into action when he had to push a dangerous looking corner out for another one which was dealt with by the Dinas defence.

At this stage Dinas were giving too many free kicks away, bringing pressure on themselves and they then made another change, Adam Jones replacing Mamadu Banguraso with 15 minutes left.

Dinas rallied in the final 10 minutes without really threatening to get on terms and the game petered out into a rather scrappy affair for the final few minutes with a succession of throw-ins for both sides.

This was a much better performance by Dinas with only one lapse of concentration from a corner costing them a share of the points.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 Mason Ah-Mun, 4 James Bloxham, 5 Nathan Donnelly, 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Rhys Palmer, 9 Adam Johns, 10 Mamadu Banguraso, 11 James Marr (c), 12 Adam Jones, 14 Rhys Harlin, 15 Luke Swaffield.

This Saturday, March 5, Undy Athletic visit The Murch when kick off times revert to 2.30pm.

PK

News from the Barry Chess Club

THIS week we had the unusual occasion of a double header match for the Barry Chess Club away to Caerphilly.

The Bosons took on the Kings and the Quarks played the Knights. Both of these matches ended in 3-2 defeats for Barry. This was followed a couple of days later by the fourth round of the Barry Chess Club Championships.

Of the two points picked up by the weakened Bosons, one was unexpected but the ever-reliable Dave Parsons earned his regular win on board 5.

This was supplemented by a draw from Steve Cunliffe who was outplayed by exactly 100 points and an even better draw for Sam Jukes against John Thornton.

With only four matches and 20 points left to play for the Bosons are fighting with the Cardiff Monarchs for third place. The Kings and Cardiff Castles are moving rapidly away.

Elsewhere a big win for Pontypridd Barbarians leaves the Barry Camelots 11 points from safety. Their impending relegation could be confirmed as early as the end of March.

On this rare occasion the Quarks found themselves actually outtracing their opponents on the bottom two boards - not on the top three boards however!

In the usual manner for the Quarks their ratings don't always mean anything as we lost both boards 4 and 5 but earned excellent draws by Peter Watkins and Martin Ricketts at the top of the table, supplemented by another good win for John Stephenson.

At the bottom of the

table a big win for the Ravens over the Cavaliers means it is getting tight with only three points separating the bottom four teams. It could get even closer when the bottom club, the Caerphilly Knights, play their game in hand against the North Cardiff Titans.

In the Club Championship nine matches took place.

There were no real surprises although there was a rare win for David Jones. At the top of the table the top two players switched places due to a higher tie break score for Ashley Davis over Matthew Davies. It seems things are returning to normal when I can see a Davis heading the table.

In the Plate John Stephenson leads with three points from his four games. He is only a half point behind Ashley and Matthew; however he is sure to have a particularly tough game in the next round.

In his first season as a Barry Chess Club member Ken Curry leads the Bowl with a return of 2.5 points from his four matches.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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Barry and District Men's skittle league

DIVISION 1:

49'ers (R.Yarr 31) 292, BP Breakaways (R.Bowman 29) 260; Barry Park 'B' (B.Batt 28) 274, Mighty Dockers (M.Conway 29) 231; Blue Monkey (M.Underdown 31) 282, The Hairy Lemons (S.Gulley 29) 270; Sea View (J.Stokes 34) 297, The Merryman (A.Buckland 33) 314; The Merryman (P.Davies, A.Cockran 28) 307, 49'ers (G.Yarr 33) 324.

Division 2:

Buff Exiles (A.Boucheron 29) 287, Tynny Fliers (L.Georgiou 25) 247; Cannon Balls (T.Sparks, L.Newland 26) 282, Witchill Poachers (R.Ashby 31) 283; Exiles (G.Mitchell 29) 274, Abercrete (M.Watts 31) 274; 'H'Bells (C.Whire 32) 287, Park Lads (K.Jones 28) 271; Park

Lads (M.Whyman 29) 267, Buffs Exiles (G.Conibear 254; Park Rangers (N.Bright 29) 258, Willie Wombles (J.M.Parsons 27) 257.

Division 3:

Billy Whizz (C.Aldredge 30) 283, Glenbrook Rangers (S.Green 29) 246; C.U.D. (A.D.A.Y. 25) 251, The Alternatives (P.Ross 26) 257; Billy Bluebirds (A.James 30) 293, Billy Whizz (J.Farrugia 26) 259; The Rejects (M.Kingdom 31) 284, West End Fliers (A.Bartold 34) 315.

Allform Cup semi-finals (held at Wyndham Cons Club): Cannon Balls v 49'ers - Tuesday, March 8; Witchill Poachers v Posties - Wednesday, March 9; Six-a-side Cup, round two - Thursday, March 10.

HR

Scorpions are shocked in Cup

SOUTH Wales Scorpions were one of many clubs who lost to lower division sides in the third round of the Ladbroke's Challenge Cup on Saturday.

In a day full of shocks where the home team won on each occasion, Kells from Cumbria beat Hemel Stags 12-6, Pilkington Recs from Cheshire beat London Skolars 13-0, Siddal from Yorkshire hammered Newcastle Thunder 30-4 and the Scorpions went down 37-20 to Featherstone Lions in Yorkshire.

History was also in favour of the home sides. The ties took place 107 years to the day since the Challenge Cup's officially recognised first shock result when the professionals from Ebbw Vale travelled to face amateurs Beverley, from Hull, another of league's traditional areas, and were beaten.

The Scorpions will now be able to concentrate on the league, which starts on Sunday, March 6 when

Keighley Cougars are visitors again to Virginia Park (kick-off 3pm). Keighley lost in their last game at Virginia Park and the Scorpions will hope history is on their side on this

occasion. Featherstone were deserved winners against the Scorpions. They missed an early penalty but took advantage of their next opportunity three minutes later when, following a penalty, John Hardcastle wrestled his way over for a well-taken try which Jackson converted.

Keiran Redfearn scored their second from another penalty, this time unconverted making it 10-0.

Scorpions' Chris Davies was sinbinned and Lions took advantage when Rhys Dyas scored in the corner and Jackson converted.

Scorpions looked to fight back and got near to the line after a penalty but pressure forced a drop ball. They also forced a goal-line drop-out keeping up the pressure on their hosts.

It eventually counted. A trademark Dai Evans try in the corner gave them hope but Paul Emanuel missed the kick leaving them still two tries short.

However, the hosts went in 22-4 to the good after Joe Fox scored and Jackson converted on 33 minutes.

But Fox wasn't on the field for much longer as he was sinbinned in a strange incident after he reacted

to a high tackle, but Lions were given the penalty which Jackson kicked wide.

Lions started the second half well. After Scorpions did well to keep out an attack, Dyas intercepted well to score an unconverted try.

Scorpions fought back. Chris Vitalini waltzed through a gap in the Lions defence and Emanuel goal, before a brilliant try from Evans, catching the ball in mid-air and twisting round to the defence to score. 26-14 on 52 minutes and the Welsh were back in it.

But Lions sealed things 10 minutes later after the Scorpions conceded two penalties and Dyas went over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Lions' Dean Gamble added another which Jackson improved but there was still time for a Scorpions consolation after Rhys Davies picked up a loose ball to score with Emanuel kicking the extras.

Gamble had the final say, kicking a short range drop-goal with just a handful of minutes remaining.

IG

IMPRESSIVE WIN FOR SECONDS OVER THE CHAMPIONS!

BARRY second XV returned to action with a tough away trip to defending champions Rhiwbina.

The preparations for coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were rocked by numerous withdrawals and players failing to turn up, leading to last minute alterations with the team.

The disruptions, however, had little effect on a Barry side determined to avenge last season's heavy defeat by the same opponents, as the visitors set out to play an expansive game which Rhiwbina failed to get to grips with.

The front row of Gareth Hall, Sion Vidal and James Hollister were proving to be dominant at the set piece, and direct running from Dominic Busuttil and Wayne Jones in midfield caused havoc in the home defence.

After Tiernan Scott had seen two efforts disallowed controversially by the referee, Barry finally opened the scoring when Hollister crashed through from close range. Danny Ryan failed to add the extras.

Barry looked to be well in control but indiscipline in the contact area gave the hosts an opportunity to kick a penalty into the corner.

The resultant line-out was expertly recycled for them to score the equalising try, the conversion meaning that they took the lead.

Unrattled and confident with their own game plan, the green-and-whites slowly cranked up the pressure on the home defence again using their strong runners, with Rob Williams and Scott to the fore.

Their patience was rewarded when John Miles sniped in from close range to regain the lead. Scott failed to add the extras.

Despite playing against a strong wind in the first half Barry had more than held their own, and their industry was further rewarded on the stroke of half-time, when a quick tap penalty found Jones who sauntered through to score under the posts. Scott added the extras.

Barry would continue to dominate in the second half in both set piece and open play, and it was a matter of time before

they added their fourth try to secure a bonus point.

Determined running from Jordan Clarke pierced the Rhiwbina defence, and the ball was recycled quickly by scrum half Rhidian Mephram, with the ball going through the hands before Ryan finished expertly in the corner. The conversion was missed.

Barry by now were rampant and with more pressure put on the home defence, Hollister bagged his second try as his momentum proved unstoppable.

Rhiwbina did manage a consolation try at the death with Barry down to 14 men following a yellow card, but this did little to dampen the spirits of players and management alike with the final score 27-12.

Barry second XV return to action this weekend with St Josephs their visitors.

Team: Mephram; Clarke, Busuttil, Jones, Ryan; Scott, J Williams; Hall, Vidal, Hollister; Deyes, R Williams; Miles, Devine, Moyle. Replacements: Thomas, Oaten, Perry, Adams. Man of the match: Scott.

KC

Tynnewydd FC back in action with a win

AFTER what has seemed like an eternity waiting for Saturday football to return due to the dismal wet weather, games finally took place last weekend as Tynnewydd FC faced Cardiff Airport B.

Tynnewydd started like a team that hadn't played in a few months, conceding a comical own goal after barely five minutes.

It wasn't long though until they found a foothold in the game. Numerous corners and free kicks built up pressure on the Airport back line and that pressure finally told when Ross Smith chased down a lost cause out wide and swung in a lovely cross to find Gareth Tinsley in the centre of the box, who rose highest to nod home and make it 1-1.

Tynnewydd kept the pressure on and soon after went in front after a mix up at the back for Airport left Smith with the chance to calmly sweep the ball into an empty net from just outside the box to make it 2-1 at the break.

The second half was

a more turgid affair with some heavily-contested challenges from both teams, and few clear cut chances for either.

The Tynnewydd defence held out with some strong performances from George Pycroft and Nick Haincock.

The match finished 2-1 to Tynnewydd with some solid displays from numerous players; man of the match votes were shared out but Nick Haincock just edged it for an outstanding game at left

back.

All the boys at Tynnewydd FC would like to wish massive congratulations to Andrew Colburn and his partner Rachel on the birth of their son Ollie this past week; hopefully the sleepless nights won't affect you in the coming games!

Squad: J. Shephard, N.Haincock, G.Pycroft, J.Clisset (c), D.Miller, J.Williams, A.Colburn, L.Union, G.Tinsley, L.Union, R.Smith, L.Peterson, G.Union.

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SIX NATIONS RUGBY

French win keeps Wales' championship hopes alive



Defensive bottlenecks and drab displays pose the question... **CAN RUGBY BREAK FREE AND TAKE A JOURNEY INTO SPACE?**



Skipper Sam Warburton on the charge epitomises the team's success in close quarters combat, but Wales know that going into an arm wrestle with powerful England at Twickenham next week may not be enough.

BEFORE the clash with Les Bleus at Cardiff's Principality Stadium on Friday evening, Wales' head coach Warren Gatland observed: "The reason there's not much (French) flair any more is not because they haven't got the players, it's that teams are defensively so organised. There's just no space on the field. Teams are being shut down... That's what has happened to the game."

There is a nutshell, is both the problem and the challenge that has bedevilled this year's lack-lustre Six Nations – with only two more rounds to go for teams to find a solution to the current impasse.

Gatland's frank assessment goes to the heart of concerns by rugby union purists who regret that in a professional, win-at-all-costs age, it has become less an expression of individual and collective skills than 80 minutes of grim attrition, in which 'physicality' is prized above flair – and any notion of spectator enjoyment is purely incidental.

Nowadays, aggressive-defence is king, with a language of its own: Accepted buzz words are 'big hits', 'collision dominance' and 'clearing-out' (more often a euphemism for 'taking out' – ie blatantly tackling an opponent without the ball, contrary to the basic laws of the game though no longer recognised as such!)

Ironically, Gatland's comments could just as easily be applied to Wales itself – for the national team's successful revival after nearly two decades in the doldrums, since the tough Kiwi took over in 2008, has been founded on resolute, full-blooded defence – masterminded by his equally blunt-speaking ex rugby league comrade-in-arms, Shaun Edwards.

In this respect, the adoption of what many see as essentially a rugby league-type template, has served Wales well – at least in the northern hemisphere – honing onetime international whipping boys feared by no-one, into a superbly-fit, formidable defensive force, capable of holding their own in any physical head-to-head, and well able to "shut teams

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down" – as was shown again in the 19-10 win over France.

The problem, though, is that all too often this has proved to be not quite enough, with equally-committed defences cancelling each other out and, in the case of Wales, highlighting serious shortcomings in that other vital part of the rugby equation – skilful attacking play.

In fairness, the Welsh camp do appear to be seeking a way out of the defensive stranglehold that is choking the running game, with Gatland hinting before Friday's match at a more expansive approach: "With the roof closed we want to go out and play some rugby, and I think that France will want to do the same thing, too, so hopefully it will be a great spectacle", he said.

This hope was dealt an immediate blow when the stadium's retractable roof refused to retract, leaving it open to the night sky – but at least the chilly air seemed to spur his notoriously slow-starting team, with Wales immediately taking the initiative and putting the Gallic visitors under early pressure.

The usually immaculate Dan Biggar for once failed to land the resultant penalty from 22 metres, but made amends with a second attempt after France too had failed to go-ahead when Wales were penalised.

Minutes later, Biggar made it 6-0 with another penalty, which sparked a period of intense French pressure that won a penalty, to make the score 6-3 – but then a dour, error-filled first half was suddenly lit up with a scorching break half the length of the field by impressive scrum half Gareth Davies, that took him clean through the defence, and almost to the try line.

With five team mates lined up outside him, he unaccountably choose to kick ahead rather than simply offload, and what could have been hailed as the try of the championship

sadly, fizzled away to nothing.

This, and sustained Welsh pressure that sadly saw more chances lost, and crucial points going begging under the shadow of the French posts, summed up a frustrating first half that did little to excite the 74,160 spectators huddled in the stadium on a cold February night in Cardiff.

They could only hope for better fare to cheer after the changeover and, indeed, the Welsh team did come out with renewed vigour, reaping dividends at both the set-piece and breakdown, where skipper Sam Warburton revelled in being restored to his favoured open side role.

It saw Biggar step up once more to perform his now familiar place-kick ritual and pop over a third penalty to make the score 9-3.

Three minutes later, the margin widened to a commanding 16-3 lead in almost comical fashion when George North, now happily returning to form, broke through. In his over-eagerness to get his name on the score sheet, he failed to connect with a wild hack at the ball, which then bounced back to him off a defender, and he simply had to dive over for a touchdown near the posts, which Biggar nonchalantly converted.

To the French team's credit, they were immediately galvanised into action as they saw any slim chance of a Grand Slam gradually slipping away, and the heroic Wales defence was severely tested under an increasingly desperate onslaught – defending scrum after scrum yards from their line, which saw them bend but not break.

Then it was all hands to the pump, as wave after wave of blue shirts pummelled the Welsh line, which still refused to yield, until Biggar broke the siege with a long clearance to touch, before eventually adding a fourth penalty to take the game almost out of French reach at 19-3.

The latter, though, were not finished yet, and launched a final frenzied assault to claim a consolation converted try, and make the final score-line 19-10.

The referee's whistle came as a relief to the Welsh camp, who will take what North admitted was "an ugly win", but know they will have to up their game substantially at Twickenham next week, if they are to derail new coach Eddie Jones' England side, now confidently sniffing a Grand Slam after defeating the injury-hit Irish on Saturday by an almost identical margin – 21-10.

Already some pundits are smacking their lips in anticipation of "a brutal collision" between the two – none of which quietsens wider concerns over the generally low standard of rugby displayed so far in this Six Nations campaign.

Without underplaying the importance of rugged defence in the modern game, it does beg the question – has the pendulum swung too far at the expense of refined attacking skills, resulting in drab displays and a paucity of tries, that have almost become the norm, at least in the northern hemisphere?

What can be done to solve a major contributory factor – the inevitable tight congestion caused by ever-encroaching defensive formations that now stifle open play?

One suggestion is to widen the pitch, but that could prove to be impractical on cost grounds alone. Another might be to dispense with the use of 'fresh legs' on the replacements bench and revert to the old system whereby substitutes are used only when a player is injured on the field.

An even more drastic solution (dare I suggest it?) might be to take a leaf out of rugby league's handbook and cut teams from 15 to 13, to free up space and encourage the running game – and tries – which, lest we forget, is what rugby union is supposed to be about!

One thing is for sure, it is an issue that needs to be addressed, if only for the sake of rugby's (paying) fans who have had to endure increasingly drab fare of late.

It would be interesting to hear GEM readers' thoughts and suggestions on this.



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